Fair and Continued Cold Tonight.

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EXPEND MILLION ILLEGALLY, SAYS DENVER EDITOR

Charges Made Against Officials of Postoffice Department.

CLAIMS THAT CLERKS ARE BEING COERCED

Writer Before House Committee on Reform in Civil Service.

Charging the illegal expenditure of more than $1,000,000 in Postoffice Department funds, Urban A. Walters, editor of the Denver Harpoon, appeared before the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service today.

The committee resumed hearings on the Lloyd bill providing that Government employes shall not be subject to dismissal because of affiliation with labor unions.

Mr. Walters based his charges against the Postmaster General and Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart on the theory that the department had paid large sums to railroad companies under the law compelling the installation of sanitary and safety devices, but that some of the railroads had failed to observe the law's requirements.

Coercion Is Alleged.

Many employes, charged Mr. Walters, had been coerced by the department officials into signing misleading reports regarding the condition of their cars.

This condition he laid upon the executive orders of both President Taft and former President Roosevelt denying such employes the right of direct appeal to Congress.

Congressman Prouty, after hearing Mr. Walters' charges, declared that he believed they should be made the subject of a searching investigation, and suggested that the appointment of a special committee be sought to go into the matter or that the affair be taken up with the Committee on Expenditures in the Postoffice Department.

Victor Berger, the Socialist member, was at the committee meeting, and in a statement to the committee attacked the operation of the executive orders as unconstitutional.

John Shirley, president of the Illinois Steel Car Wheel Company, also appeared before the committee and declared that he had charges similar to those of the editor of the Harpoon to make.

Editor Walters' Charges.

The gist of Mr. Walters' charge was put before the committee when he said:

"I charge that Postmaster General Hitchcock and his assistant, Joseph Stewart, have unlawfully and illegally paid to various railroad companies, since the act of March 12, 1910, went into effect, and also under the act of March 4, 1911, $1,900,000 for services and facilities, specifically required by said acts, which services and facilities have never been performed. I charge that the failure to supply such facilities, sanitary and safety, have worked a great hardship on the men working in the railway mail service. The railway mail service employes, also have been intimidated by official orders, posted on order books, and have been ordered to certify to the untruth that these facilities were being supplied.

"The Postmaster General and his assistants have compelled their subordinates to certify that services have been received from railroads, when as a matter of fact, they have not been made. Employes have been intimidated by orders issued by the department into certifying, under threat of discharge, that the cars were safe and sound. I have the original copies of such orders issued by the department.

"The Postmaster General cannot be logically expected to call the attention of Congress or the public to the shortcomings of his own department. Frank H. Hitchcock and Joseph Stewart and the other officials of the department have not been held responsible by Congress for the multitudinous sins of their regime. They have unlawfully, illegally, and flagrantly violated the trust placed upon them by Congress."

French Ballet Strikes.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The ballet in the famous Paris Opera House went on strike and refused to be terpischoreans because the management refused to dismiss two unpopular dancers.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair and continued cold tonight. Wednesday fair, with rising temperature. Lowest temperature tonight slightly above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.		AFFLECK'S.	
8 a. m.	7	8 a. m.	7
9 a. m.	8	9 a. m.	8
10 a. m.	10	10 a. m.	9
11 a. m.	11	11 a. m.	10
12 noon	14	12 noon	13
1 p. m.	15	1 p. m.	14
2 p. m.	16	2 p. m.	15

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 6:02 a. m. and 6:05 p. m.; low tide, 12:10 and 12:26 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 6:43 a. m. and 6:50 p. m.; low tide, 12:57 and 1:03 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Rises 7:17 | Sets 5:02

Lost in Ice Floes

DR. CARL CLEMONS, Who Has Been Missing for a Week.

DR. CARL CLEMONS STILL MISSING IN ICE JAMS OF SOUND

Physician's Brother Returns From Long Island Town. Search Is in Progress.

Albert Clemons, of the Treasury Department, returned this morning from Bay Shore, L. I., where he has been endeavoring to trace his brother, Dr. Carl A. Clemons, supposed to be lost in the ice jams off Bay Shore. Mr. Clemons said the search is still being conducted in hopes of finding Dr. Clemons, and two companions, Edmund S. Bailey and Capt. Tom Veltman, composing a party of duck hunters that has been missing more than a week.

Today Mrs. Fred W. Clemons, mother of the missing man, said she was still hopeful. She refuses to believe he has met death. She deplores the erroneous report of her criticism of the life-saving service, and says she appreciates the faithful activities of the officials at the life-saving service headquarters here, whose orders have kept the searchers constantly engaged in the attempt at rescue.

Wants Troops Left On Guard at Border

Congressman Burleson of Texas today protested to the President against the removal of troops from the Mexican border. He thinks conditions should be investigated further before the soldiers are taken away.

About ten days ago the War Department ordered the Sixth Cavalry and the Twenty-third Infantry from the line. The cavalry will go to Des Moines while the infantry will go to Fort Ben Harrison, at Indianapolis.

This leaves only the brigade now garrisoned at San Antonio, and a few cavalry troops now on their way to relieve the Sixth.

As he left the White House today the Texas Congressman said that no decision had been reached by the President as to the number of soldiers who would be left to guard the border.

MARTIN INTRODUCES DISTRICT MEASURES

Senator From Virginia Offers Bills of Interest to the District.

Senator Martin of Virginia has introduced several bills in the Senate which are of importance to Washington and the immediate vicinity. One of the bills authorizes the Secretary of War to have macadamized the roadway upon the Government property between the Government experiment farm and the National Cemetery at Arlington.

Another authorizes the Secretary of War to have constructed a direct road leading from the southern end of the new Highway bridge across the Potomac to the National Cemetery at Arlington and to Fort Myer.

A third bill provides for building a public avenue on the south side of the Potomac river from Washington to Mt. Vernon. Part of this cost is to be met by money loaned by Virginia to the United States in the early days of the Republic.

Senator Martin has also introduced a bill to transfer to the Secretary of War jurisdiction over the Belvoir tract, acquired for a reformatory for the District, and to have the tract used for a school for instruction for cavalry.

MRS. ALEXANDER IS VIGOROUS IN SELF-DEFENSE

Would Fight Youngsters Who Say She Is of Unsound Mind.

ABLE TO MANAGE HER OWN AFFAIRS

Says the Grandchildren, Whom She Loves, Will Be Taught to Be Patient.

Sitting very erect and gesticulating with all the vigor of a woman in the prime years of her life, Mrs. Rebecca Alexander, ninety-three years old, emphatically declared she was "young enough to fight these youngsters, who want me declared of unsound mind."

The million-dollar estate of the late Columbus Alexander again came into the limelight when Mrs. Eva R. Bouic asked that Mrs. Alexander be declared of unsound mind, and a committee appointed for her person.

Aged Woman's Views.

"I think I am able to look out for my own affairs with the aid of such trustees as any other woman would have to have if she were the life trustee of a million-dollar estate," said the aged woman.

"The management of the estate by my brother, Thomas Hay, so far has been satisfactory. I am in favor of appointing another trustee to assist him, but I certainly should oppose his being displaced.

"These grandchildren of mine—I love them—but I will teach them to be patient. Jealousy caused all this trouble."

Mrs. Alexander said she wanted the impression corrected that she had been secreted behind closed doors, carefully guarded by relatives. When a reporter called at her apartments in the Toronto, at Twentieth and P streets, this morning she was not yet out of bed, and had given orders that no callers were to be admitted. When she overheard the request for an audience she called out:

"Bring him in. I don't want anyone going away saying I am not capable of seeing callers."

Mrs. Alexander was half reclining on her bed, propped up with pillows. As she talked she sat upright.

"I don't spend my daytime in bed," she said. "This is the first morning I have remained in bed for a week. It was a little cold and windy this morning.

"Yes, I have heard those grandchildren have been in court again. I realize I am getting old. I know a younger person is considered to be of more vigorous mind. But I think mine is unimpaired, and I want to keep hold of my estate and manage my own affairs for some time yet."

Gives Her Reasons.

Mrs. Hayes today in explaining the reason for asking for the appointment of a second trustee, said:

"My great-uncle, Mr. Hay, is getting old. The other trustee appointed by my grandfather is dead. I think if another man could help out Mr. Hay, the affairs of the estate would be managed in a way satisfactory to us all, and that this continual dissension could thus be avoided. It seems to me the easiest way out of the difficulty."

There are nearly a score of grandchildren, who, through interests left the six children of the Georgetown millionaire, will come in for a share of the estate. But one of these children is living, Douglas Alexander.

Reports Overthrow of Paraguay's President

A dispatch was received by the State Department this morning from Minister Grevstad, at Montevideo, saying that the Rojas government in Paraguay has been overthrown, and that the president and his cabinet have been taken prisoners. Many other leading government officials are also in the custody of the victorious revolutionists.

Victor Solar will probably be the provisional president of the new government. So far American interests in Paraguay have not been in serious danger.

Bar Popular Dances.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—"The Turkey Trot" and "The Boston Dip" have been eliminated from the program of the dance of the International Art Society to be given in the ballroom at the Hotel Astor.

Temperatures for Today

Hour.	Degrees.
12 midnight	12 above
1 a. m.	12 above
2 a. m.	11 above
3 a. m.	9 above
4 a. m.	9 above
5 a. m.	9 above
6 a. m.	8 above
7 a. m.	7 above
8 a. m.	7 above
9 a. m.	8 above
10 a. m.	10 above
11 a. m.	12 above
12 noon	14 above
1 p. m.	15 above
2 p. m.	17 above

R. W. POWER, MUSIC SCHOOL MANAGER, ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Head of "National Conservatory" Must Answer Forgery Indictment.

Robert W. Power, manager of the National Conservatory of Music, with offices in the Barrister building, was arrested today by Central Office Detective Joe Grant as a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in Bowling Green, Ky., to answer a charge of forgery, on which he has been indicted.

Detective Grant says Power had a suit case packed with clothing and was making preparations to leave the city. He was placed under arrest just as he was about to leave his offices shortly before noon.

Deputy Sheriff B. E. Hamblin, of Bowling Green, arrived in Washington this morning with a copy of the indictment against Power and requisition papers.

The indictment charges that Power "did wilfully, knowingly, and feloniously sign the name of Jerry W. Thomas to a note for $50 to the Columbia Conservatory of Music, due and payable December 12, 1911." The note, it is alleged, was dated Sunnyside, Ky. The Columbia Conservatory of Music, Power told the detectives, is a concern for which he formerly worked. He gave up his position, came to Washington and started the "National Conservatory of Music."

Power is twenty-seven years old, and of good appearance. He is said to have been successful with his musical venture here. Since coming to Washington he had been living at 727 Gresham street, northwest. As soon as he was placed under arrest, Power said he would fight extradition, and sent for an attorney. He told Chief of Detectives Boardman that his arrest was a piece of spite work. He said the people for whom he formerly worked did not like it because he had left their employ and gone in business for himself.

Speeders Affected by Fire Limit Extension

On recommendation of Major Sylvester and in response to the suggestion of F. W. McReynolds, an attorney, the Commissioners today extended the fire limits so as to take in both sides of R street northwest, between Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth streets northwest, which will prevent the speeding of automobiles on that thoroughfare at a greater rate than twelve miles an hour.

The fire limits have ended at R street, and the speed regulations provide for a rate of twelve miles an hour within the limits, and twenty miles outside. Policemen, regarding the center of the street as the dividing line, construed the regulation to mean that on the south side of R street vehicles must keep within the twelve-mile limit, but that on the north side a speed of twenty miles was permitted. As automobiles usually take the center of the street an anomalous condition was presented. Under the regulations as amended, the fire limits extend to the north side of R street, and there will be no question as to the right of automobilists to exceed the twelve-mile limit.

Strikers Are Awed and Owners Claim Victory

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 16.—With eight companies of guardsmen on duty about the big textile mills today the city authorities insisted that they had the situation in complete control. Only one arrest was made during the early hours, a picket being taken into custody for being too strenuous in his methods.

The mill owners declared they had the strike broken and that 20,000 of the 30,000 operatives were back at their looms today. The strike leaders disputed this. They asserted that most of the high-class workers were still out and would remain out until the old wage scale is restored.

By orders of the mayor everyone on the streets was kept on the move and loitering was forbidden near the mills.

MERCURY WILL TAKE FAREWELL PLUNGE TONIGHT

Rise in Temperature Due Tomorrow, Barring "Flareback."

LAST OF WEEK TO BE WARM AND FAIR

Severe Cold Lets Up in West, and Only Suffering Is in South.

One more plunge of the mercury to within a degree or two of the zero mark will mark the finale of the prolonged cold wave tonight, if the Weather Bureau prediction holds good.

Tomorrow it will begin getting warmer slowly and by Thursday a return to the balmy temperature that prevailed before Christmas is expected. Unless there is a "flareback" the extreme cold is at an end for a week or ten days at least, the forecaster announced.

Brisk Winds Help.

Brisk winds today made the cold more felt than in the preceding days when the mercury was lower. The lowest point recorded today was 7 degrees, where the mercury hovered from 7 to 8:30 o'clock this morning. By 10 o'clock it rose to 10 degrees, and at noon it stood two degrees higher. At 1 o'clock it was 15 degrees above. It is not expected to go much higher than that later in the day, and by nightfall the descent, that will mean one more shivering, bleak night, will begin.

Exhausted by the siege during the two weeks' cold wave, three of the Associated Charities' regular agents were not able to report for duty yesterday, making it necessary to enlist the services of more paid workers.

For the past ten days Secretary Walter Ufford has ordered workers not to stop their work to collect statistics, but from figures available it was estimated today that within two weeks more than 900 appeals, representing nearly 4,000 persons, have been answered by the Charities.

"In the four years I have been in this city this is the most strenuous period I have experienced, and I am told that it is the busiest two weeks the organization has known since the blizzard, in 1899," he said.

Milder In West.

With the breaking of the cold wave in Washington, the last traces of the general severe weather will disappear from the United States. It is getting warmer today in the Middle Western States and the Northwest, the Dakotas, and Minnesota have mild weather, as compared with the 20 degrees below zero readings of the past week.

There is little snow anywhere in the country today. There are flurries through New England and in northern New York. The most suffering today is in the Southern States, where the tail end of the wave that is passing, dropped the temperature in Atlanta, Ga., to 6 degrees above zero, colder than it was in Washington. Freezing weather is recorded as far south of central Florida.

The coldest readings in this country today were in northern Michigan, where the mercury stood at 10 and 12 degrees below zero. On the Pacific coast it is warm and rainy.

Look for Trouble.

With the coming of warm weather all sorts of trouble is expected by the rivermen. The big Norfolk steamers are the only ones now plowing their way through the ice. The coat is from twelve to fourteen inches thick. When the thaw comes ice cakes will pack, it is feared, making passage impossible even for these vessels. The Alexandria ferry has not been running for five days, and it is not expected that it will be able to do so for several days more.

Missions are preparing tabulations of the unusual work done during the last few days, during which their regular rations of bread and coffee for all comers were supplemented by special breakfasts and suppers of soups, sandwiches and coffee. The Salvation Army has maintained two branch stations, one in Georgetown, and one in the Southeast, and the demands on these have been heavy.

If warmer weather arrives tomorrow, as scheduled, these will be closed and all demands taken care of at headquarters at 930 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

There won't be any more work on street cleaning, it was announced today.

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Subject of Gossip

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, Who Says He Has Not Resigned or Made Plans to That End.

PACKERS APPEAL FOR AID IN WAR ON WHITE PLAGUE

Assert Disease Is Transmitted to Human Beings From Live Stock.

That the Government, private individuals, and anti-tuberculosis societies should take immediate steps to eradicate tuberculosis in live stock, to prevent the communication of the disease to human beings, is the purport of a resolution adopted by the American Meat Packers' Association, in convention at the Willard Hotel. The preamble asserts Government officials here and abroad have proved beyond question that the disease may be and is transmitted from animals to human beings.

A resolution was also adopted praising meat inspection laws, but protesting against the condemnation of meat after post-mortem inspection. The entire loss in such cases falls on the packers. Where the disease can be determined only by post-mortem inspection the resolution demands that provision be made for indemnity to the packers from public funds.

The name of Gen. Michael Ryan, of Cincinnati, hailed as the "grand old man" of the association, was placed by unanimous vote at the head of honorary members. The names of John A. Tobey, of Chicago, and Frederick Weimer, of Wheeling, W. Va., were also added to this list.

Some of the pioneer figures of packing industry, including Michael Cudahy, N. P. Swift and P. A. Garneau have died during the last year, and an obituary resolution was adopted containing their names and a score of other members who have died during the year.

Huntington Wilson, Assistant Secretary of State, sent notice that he had been detained at his office and could not make the address scheduled.

The new officers of the American Meat Packers' Association were elected this morning and are: President, Benjamin W. Corkran, Baltimore; vice president, George A. Hormel, Austin, Minn.; secretary, George L. McCarthy, ew York; treasurer, C. E. Roth, Cincinnati; executive committee, S. E. Sinclair, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; W. O. Newcomb, Cleveland; C. H. Ogden, Pittsburgh; J. J. Felton, Philadelphia; Gustave Bischoff, St. Louis; J. S. Agar, Chicago; F. L. Fulley, Chicago; A. T. Donahy, Buffalo, and T. W. Taliaferro, Detroit.

Large silver loving cups were presented to Joseph Allerdice, of Indianapolis, the retiring president, and to

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MORSE IS SINKING, SAYS WICKERSHAM

Attorney General Declares He Knows of No Effort to Parole Banker-Convict.

Attorney General Wickersham, upon his arrival at the White House, for the Cabinet meeting, today, said reports had reached the Department of Justice that Charles W. Morse's condition was daily growing more serious and that it is now believed he will be unable to go to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment.

Unofficial reports from Atlanta say it has become necessary to administer stimulants to the banker-prisoner.

There has, however, been no renewal of the petition for a commutation of Morse's sentence. The President has said no action will be taken for the release of the prisoner until the Army doctors give him up.

The Attorney General said today he knew of no effort to parole Morse.

HITCHCOCK TO LEAVE CABINET, SAY POLITICIANS

Breach Between Taft and Postal Chief Cannot Be Healed, Is Report.

EXPECT RESIGNATION BEFORE CONVENTION

Advocacy of Government Ownership Policy Not Only Matter at Issue.

By J. FRED ESSARY.

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock will resign from the Taft Cabinet before the meeting of the Chicago convention.

This is the statement of White House callers today who believe a breach has been created between the Postmaster General and his chief, a breach which cannot be healed.

And, if Mr. Hitchcock resigns, he will be found among the insurgents when the time comes to nominate a Republican candidate for the Presidency.

To support this a good many facts are being marshaled today. In the first place, of course, the move of Mr. Hitchcock in putting out a statement favoring the Government ownership of telegraph lines, in direct opposition to the President's wishes, is the main thing.

Hitchcock's Action Deliberate.

That this was done with deliberation and done with the certain knowledge that the President would repudiate it, is no longer questioned. The very statement issued formally at the White House late yesterday shows that Mr. Taft had previously blue-penciled such a proposition.

The White House is today still insisting there is no friction between the President and the Postmaster General. No such idea was conveyed, however, in the formal statement. Not a word or syllable was incorporated in that document to say that the insubordination had been overlooked or that any apology had been offered by the postal official.

There are other straws that point to the early retirement of Mr. Hitchcock. A few weeks ago, for instance, he was turned down flatly when the Republican National Committee named Harry New, of Indiana, against a vigorous Hitchcock protest, for chairman of the committee on arrangements for the national convention.

Secretary Hilles and the Postmaster General had clashed over this matter, and the President sustained Hilles. New was named, and Mr. Hitchcock withdrew from political activity in behalf of the President.

Turned Down Before.

But that was not the first time Hitchcock was turned down. In the trouble over the control of the Alabama patronage and the organization of the State for the coming convention Hilles and Hitchcock disagreed. The Administration took sides with Hilles.

Now comes the Government ownership incident. This was so important the Administration found it absolutely necessary to say that the President had no part in it. This statement came after the Postmaster General had been called in by the President and had devoted the better part of two hours talking it over.

There will be no immediate break in the Cabinet. If this comes, as is predicted, it will come in a few more weeks. It will come after time has been allowed for the matter to "blow over." But that it will come before the convention meets, in June, is the opinion of a good many people who appear to know what they are talking about.

Late At Cabinet Meeting.

Mr. Hitchcock was at the meeting of the Cabinet today. He was the very last member to arrive, however. But he was not the first to leave. He remained for a few more minutes' talk with the President.

So far the Postmaster General has refused to talk about his plans or his Government ownership proposal further than to point to his statement. He has said all along that it was up to the White House to do all the talking.

Mr. Hitchcock was seen shortly before 2 o'clock, as he was leaving the Cab-

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IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.

Senate meets at 2 o'clock.

Senator Lorimer cross-examined by counsel for special committee.

Attorney General Wickersham will appear before Judiciary Committee to tell of Tobacco trust reorganization.

Senator Martin introduces bills of importance to Washington and vicinity.

T. C. Spelling, of New York, before Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Senator Rayner will speak this afternoon on arbitration treaties.

HOUSE.

House resumed consideration of the District bill.

Judiciary Committee voted to report the Henry resolution to change the date of the inauguration.

Committee on Reform in the Civil Service reported the Lloyd bill permitting Government employes to join labor unions.

Rules Committee continued the Shipping trust hearing.

Congressman Carlin introduced a bill to investigate cost of deepening the Potomac river.

Last Minute News Told in Brief

FAVOR NEW INAUGURATION DATE.

Relief from the disagreeable weather that has marked inauguration days on the fourth of March is promised in the House Judiciary Committee's favorable vote on the resolution of Congressman Henry (Dem., Texas), changing the inaugural date to the last Thursday in April. The measure, which provides for a constitutional amendment, also changes the date of the convening of the new Congress to the second Tuesday in the January following the inauguration. The resolution is to take effect in 1917.

FIRE CHIEF'S FUNERAL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Several thousand persons gathered in the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria to pay a last tribute to Battalion Fire Chief William J. Walsh, who gave his life in the Equitable building fire to save his men. The police are searching for Timothy Manning, Walsh's driver, rendered insane by his chief's death.

WRECK IN THE SOUTH.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 16.—A Queen and Crescent passenger train is reported wrecked near Meridian, Miss. Reports reaching here state that several persons have been killed.

LABOUCHERE DEAD.

FLORENCE, Jan. 16.—Henry Labouchere, aged seventy-nine, famous London editor and formerly a distinguished member of the English diplomatic service, died at his villa near here. He had been in ill-health for some time. He was editor and owner of Truth, and served for sixteen years in the house of commons.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM FIRE.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 16.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Austin Knitting Mills Company, two dwellings adjoining, and badly damaged other property in the vicinity. The loss will be $50,000.