

CHANDLER'S CASE

Against Senator Gallinger was a Big Failure.

COMMISSIONER BREWER TALKS

About the Hearing at Concord, New Hampshire—Chandler Mailed the Civil Service Officials by Claiming He had Positive Evidence of a Violation of the Rules, but Failed to Make Good his Word.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Civil Service Commissioner Brewer, who presided over the civil service investigation at Concord last week, has returned. Mr. Brewer stated:

"I have no knowledge of the filing of the charges against me by Senator Chandler and I care nothing about it. If Mr. Chandler has any personal grievance toward myself in regard to my conduct of the examination he, of course, is at perfect liberty to present the same to the President or anyone else to whom he may see fit.

"The commission had been led to presume that there would be no difficulty in supplying persons who had knowledge of the charges which took the commission to Concord. So far as I know none of the persons asked by Governor Busiel appeared, and while quite a number of persons appeared they were mostly those that had received a circular letter which the commission on its arrival sent out to those living in the immediate vicinity. So far as I recollect now no one who appeared claimed to have knowledge of Senator Gallinger's connection with the sending out of the campaign circulars.

"Senator Chandler in a letter he sent to the commission dated June 1, made the positive statement and specific charge that Senator Gallinger had prepared the matter for those circular letters, had caused them to be printed and sent them out to federal office holders and that Senator Gallinger had prepared a list of federal office holders to whom they were to be sent. This was not from hearsay, but with a positive statement, and, of course, we assumed he had personal knowledge. In his statement at the hearing, however, he very frankly said that he did not see the circulars nor did he personally know of the facts.

"Special Agent Wales is still on the case and will hear some other persons whose names were presented to the commission as supposed to have some knowledge of the question involved. On his return all the evidence will be taken up and passed upon. So far, however, the case has not been disposed of, though the lack of evidence to support the charges from those that were heard is significant."

RECEPTION TO DEWEY At Trieste, Austria—He will be Given a Banquet There.

NEW YORK, July 18.—A dispatch to the World from Trieste, Austria, says: Admiral Dewey has accepted the banquet offered him on his arrival here by United States Minister Harris, who has invited all the American consuls and vice consuls in Austria and Hungary, with their wives, to meet him.

The admiral wares that he has quarantined his flagship since she left Colombo, Ceylon, and has had no communication with shore. So he can land with a clean bill of health immediately on arrival.

Special permit had to be obtained from Vienna to enable the cruiser Olympia to enter this port owing to a regulation affecting warships.

Minister Straus, at Constantinople, strongly pressed Admiral Dewey to visit him, but the latter was afraid of the fatigue, greatly needing complete rest and medical treatment.

Big Steel Plate Contract. PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 18.—The Pressed Steel Car Company has contracted with the Carnegie Steel Company for 30,000 tons of steel plates monthly for a period of ten years. This is the largest contract ever awarded to one firm and amounts to about \$1,000,000,000.

A representative of the Pressed Steel Car Company said to-day that the actual cost of the material to be furnished will be between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000 a year. The delivery of the contract will begin on August 1st, next. Several months ago the Carnegie Steel Company contemplated the erection of a mammoth steel car plant, but the project was abandoned and a working arrangement entered into between the Pressed Steel Car Company, and the Carnegies, the terms of which provides for the purchase of the steel required by the Car Company from the Carnegies.

Grosvonor on Political Situation. NEW YORK, July 18.—Congressman Charles H. Grosvonor, of Ohio, who will sail for Europe to-morrow, said last night:

"There is little to be said about the political situation in Ohio. It can hardly be said that there is a situation in the gubernatorial race as yet, because the Democrats have not had their convention. I suppose John R. McLean will be their nominee for governor. I can say, though, that all the unhappiness there is not confined to the Republicans. The Democrats have factional troubles of their own, as any one knows who has heard of the troublous sena-

torial conventions. The Ohio Republicans are all right. As to the Bryan and anti-Bryan sentiment among the Democrats I know little, but it is my belief that a majority of the Ohio Democrats hope to see Bryan nominated for the Presidency."

BRITISH PLANS To Build Up Trade Between West Indies and English Ports.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Details of plans by the British government for building up trade between the British West Indies and British ports and also between Canada and the British West Indies, have been received here. They are in a letter from the colonial office in London to the West Indian committee, written under direction of Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of the colonies, explaining the plan of establishing new steamship lines, with subsidies paid in part by the imperial government, and intended to link together the mother country and the colonies, as well as the colonies among themselves. The matter is of special interest in connection with the recent negotiations between the United States and Great Britain on reciprocity with the British West Indies as these colonies have shown a disposition to look to this country for trade rather than to the mother country or Canada.

As to the line between Canada and the British West Indies, the letter of the colonial office says: "As regards improved inter insular service and an improved Canadian service a contract will, it is hoped, shortly be concluded with the aid of an imperial subsidy, between the dominion government and Messrs. Pickford and Black, which it is hoped will effect both objects.

"The contract is for a period of five years, the service is to begin in July, 1900, and the contractors will bind themselves to establish a fortnightly service from Halifax and St. Johns alternately to Trinidad and British Guiana at an average rate of ten knots per hour.

"The steamers will proceed alternately by way of Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, Barbadoes, St. Vincent, Grenada, Tobago, to Trinidad, and by way of Bermuda, St. Lucia, Barbadoes, Trinidad, to British Guiana."

The letter also gives the details of the contract already signed for a new steamer service between Jamaica and Southampton. This service will begin in May, 1900, the steamers making fortnightly runs and having 15-knot speed. They will have a capacity for carrying 20,000 bunches of bananas, and while intended specially as fruit carriers they will take passengers also. A subsidy of \$10,000 per year is to be paid the line, the British government paying half.

YEARS OF HARDSHIP

As the Slave in an Upper Amazon Tribe, South America. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 17.—G. T. McKim, a prominent citizen of Thornton, has received a letter from Steve Fell, from California, which says that for twelve years he was a slave in a tribe on the upper Amazon, in South America.

He started with two other men, Messrs. Edwards and Boynton, one of whom died from a snake bite and the other from fever. Fell survived an attack of the disease, but the natives charged him so much for their services that he was unable to pay and he was sold into slavery.

He bore years of hardships until, in final desperation, he decided to escape or die, and succeeded in freeing himself, slew his guards and got away on a raft. Then he found a canoe and made his way down the river until he found a priest who helped him to Rio Janeiro, where he shipped for San Francisco.

In concluding Fell writes: "I am now on a farm, my health much improved. I hope to reach home this coming winter. I have had one letter from home since arriving here—a message of sadness, indeed—father, mother, one sister and one brother have died."

OIL STEAMER BURNED

In Halifax Harbor—Had a Full Cargo of Oil. HALIFAX, N. S., July 17.—The Standard Oil Company's tank steamer, Maverick, which arrived Saturday from New York, with a cargo of oil, is sunk in the harbor. She was taken to her pier in Bedford Basin this morning and pumping out oil from the ship's hold to the oil tank on the shore was commenced, a six-inch pipe connecting the tanks. During the pumping the pipe burst and the oil flowed down into the engine room and became ignited. The steamer's crew made efforts to subdue the flames which followed, but were obliged to leave the ship to save their lives. In a short time sheets of flame were rising from the steamer in several places. The city fire brigade was called out, fearing a general conflagration. This danger was averted by an explosion which blew a hole in the ship's side. She careened and gradually filled with water and sank. She now lies submerged, only her masts being visible. About two-thirds of the cargo remained in the vessel at the time of the disaster and this was destroyed. A large area of water is covered with blazing oil and thousands of people have been attracted to the scene.

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Mr. J. Casade, who carries on the extensive coal and ice business at the corner of Sixteenth and Chapline streets, says: "The pain in my back generally of a dull, heavy nature, was located just over the kidneys. When I attempted to do any lifting or stooping, sharp pricking pains would come, and I was often so bad that I could scarcely get around. Both of my sons had been complaining of their backs hurting them, and when I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the Logan Drug Company they took some also, and in each case the result was the same, the pain almost at once."

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OHIO PEOPLE VICTIMIZED

By Persons Soliciting Money for Weather Forecast Reports. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—The acting chief of the weather bureau requests publication of the following: "The weather bureau is advised through the official in charge of its Ohio section of the climate and crop service that a number of firms in the western part of that state have been victimized by a person obtaining money upon promise of furnishing weather forecasts. As all information at the disposal of the weather bureau that is of interest to the public is gratuitously given so far as the facilities of the bureau are concerned, and as no one is authorized to arrange for supplying such information for money consideration, any person soliciting compensation for such service should be arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

"Action will be taken by the bureau to apprehend and prosecute the guilty parties."

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

In Ritchie county, W. Va., operations are fairly active, both in the salt sand and Big Injun territory. The second crop of wells in on Devil Hole run, a new Big Injun sand development, is now coming in, but the size of the new ventures is not such as was presaged by the big well on the Moore farm.

A dry hole and a small producer were the result of the Whiskey run pool during the week.

The deep sand territory, in Wetzel and Tyler counties, finished the largest number of wells and the most of them were average producers. The Gordon sand territory, in a half a dozen counties in West Virginia, is furnishing the greatest volume of new production.

More will be known of the new Gordon development east of Proctor with-in the next week or ten days. Barring accidents, there should be three or four wells in the sand and should give some information as to what may be expected of that development.

Northeast of the Elk Fork pool, in Tyler county, the Jacobs Oil company's test on the James Jacobs farm had the appearance of a small well, when drilled in, but a second pay was encountered, and when completed and shot a two hundred barrel producer was the result.

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CROPS AND WEATHER.

Conditions for West Virginia During the Past Week. PARKERSBURG, July 18.—Following are the weather and crop conditions for West Virginia for the week ending July 17:

Showers or thunder storms occurred at scattered points over the state on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th; high mid-day and cool night temperatures prevailed during the week, with drouth conditions.

Farm work progressed rapidly throughout the state, and at the close of the week wheat stacking and threshing was nearing completion. The continued drouth of the past five or six days has damaged all growing crops.

Wheat is harvested and generally stacked in good condition; threshing is in progress over all sections, with an average to a poor yield, the yield not being so good as anticipated a few weeks ago.

Corn is in good condition, and is generally laid by; early planted earing well and has a good color, and a healthy stalk; the plant was injured some by the drouth and is making slow growth.

Oats are ripening rapidly and harvesting is in progress, with an average yield over some sections. Rye is stacked and will have a good yield.

Meadows are in fair condition, but continue ready; hay is in progress throughout the state.

Millet and buckwheat are being sown, and in a few districts are making a good growth and are very promising. Gardens are needing rain badly.

Potatoes are in good condition; sweet potatoes are looking well.

Harbour Harvesting continues; hay better than expected; corn tasseling and doing well; gardens very good; potatoes looking well.

Harrison—Wheat stacked and some threshed; the yield very light; corn doing well; oats ripening; hay being cut.

Lewis—Oats ripening and promising to be a good crop; corn cutting in progress; corn doing well; gardens looking well.

Gilmer—Corn, potatoes and gardens injured by drouth; hay harvesting well advanced, with a fair yield; wheat being threshed, quality fine and a fair yield.

Doddridge—Oats are being harvested; early corn tasseling and making rapid growth; hay cutting about completed.

Wirt—Wheat threshing in progress; oats and meadows harvested; oats good; meadows fair; corn and pastures injured by drouth.

Ritchie—Corn making good growth; grass cutting in progress; oats being harvested; pastures good.

Wood—Wheat being threshed, yield not as good as expected; corn doing well; oats ripening and some being cut.

Pleasants—The week has been favorable for the growth of crops; corn doing well; potatoes in fair condition; hay cutting in progress, with a poor yield.

Tyler—Wheat in stack; hay in progress; oats improved wonderfully by late rains; corn looking well; potatoes looking well; fruit scarce.

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