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THE PERPLEXING PROBLEM

THE STATUS OF SOME CITIZENS IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Argument in the Matter—The Commission Will Give Hearing on Jurisdiction to Enroll Citizens Admitted in 1896.

Indian Territory has put many perplexing questions to be answered, and one of them is the status of citizens in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, who were given judgments by the federal courts of the Southern and Central districts.

It was alleged, after many citizens were refused enrollment by the Dawes commission, that such citizens had been deprived of their rights. Hundreds of cases were filed in the courts at South McAlester and Ardmore to compel the commission to enroll these rejected applicants, and the Indians made no defense and the applicants were admitted to citizenship by the federal courts. Upon the hundreds of cases passed on, there were other hundreds of cases depending, and by the decree of the courts some two thousand people were adjudged entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw and Choctaw citizens. In 1901 the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court was created by act of congress, ratifying the supplemental treaty with the Choctaws and Chickasaws, which provided that all "court citizens" should again file suit, this time in the citizenship court, and determine whether or not the judgment of the federal courts should stand as rendered.

Many cases were filed, but many who were admitted by the federal courts refused to file. Now, the Dawes commission wishes to know where these citizens stand in the eyes of the law. The Chickasaw and Choctaw attorneys allege that these people, having permitted the time to elapse in which they could file their claims, are forever barred from citizenship, as the decision in one case by the citizenship court, knocking out all claims to citizenship, has had the effect of adversely disposing of all other cases depending upon like proof.

The following letter from Chairman Tams Hixby of the Dawes commission shows the status of these cases now, and the steps that will be taken for their settlement:

To Attorneys: You are hereby advised that on Monday, Jan. 11, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the office of the commission to the five civilized tribes at Muskogee, I. T., oral argument will be heard by the commission on the question of its jurisdiction to now enroll as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations those persons admitted to citizenship in these two nations by the commission under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 10, 1896, and where an appeal was taken from such decisions to the United States courts for the Southern and Central districts in Indian Territory.

"These decisions of the commission being subsequently affirmed by judgments of the United States courts and

such judgments vacated and held to be null and void by the decree of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court of Dec. 17, 1902, and such persons not having appealed or had certified to the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court their cases for a trial de novo, it is contended by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations that by the nullification of the judgments of the United States courts by the decree of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court of Dec. 17, 1902, the rights of such persons to citizenship in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations under the decisions of the commission became extinguished. Respectfully,

"TAMS HIXBY, Chairman."

CHANEY A FREE MAN.

Man Convicted at Wagoner Ten Years Ago Has Returned.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 23.—Alfred H. Chaney, who resided at Wagoner, I. T., some ten or twelve years ago, has returned to Wagoner a free man. Chaney was convicted in Judge Parker's court in Fort Smith, Ark., in 1893, and sent to the penitentiary to serve a twenty-four year sentence on a charge of robbery of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train at Pryor Creek, I. T.

Chaney was first sent to prison in New York, but afterward transferred to Atlanta, Ga., where President Roosevelt pardoned him.

KREBS POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Four Hundred Dollars' Worth of Stamps Taken From Safe.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 23.—The postoffice at Krebs was entered at 2 o'clock this morning through a rear window and the safe door was blown off with four charges of nitroglycerin and \$400 worth of stamps of various denominations taken. The steel vault in which postoffice funds are stored resisted the efforts of the burglars who were evidently amateurs. A large stack of registered mail was left undisturbed, but a drawer containing private papers belonging to Postmistress Rena Winette was taken.

There were three men, and they made no effort to deaden the sound of the explosion or take other precautions. Two milliners a few feet away lay trembling in their beds for an hour while the trio were at work. The safe was blown open in the same way April 29 of last year, but the burglars were scared away before they got anything.

TWAS TURKISH TAFFY

The Trouble is Now All Off and Consul Davis Satisfied.

Alexandretta, Syria, Dec. 23.—Attorney, the naturalized American citizen, who is arrested by the Turkish authorities caused United States Davis to leave Alexandretta, has been deported. The governor of Alexandretta today made an official call upon United States Consul Davis and formally apologized for the indignities suffered by the consul.

Admiral Cotton left here tonight on the United States cruiser San Francisco for Beirut.

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A Heavenly Proclamation.

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
Peace on earth good-will to men,
From Heaven's all-gracious king;
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lonely plains
They bend on hovering wings,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
O ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow!
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

RUSSIA WILL STAND ALONE

JAPAN AND CHINA WILL COMBINE AGAINST THE BEAR.

While Great Britain and the United States Will Probably Say "Hands off" to Other Powers—Yet There May Be Peace.

Peking, Dec. 23.—In diplomatic circles here the situation is the far east is discussed openly. It is now generally believed that Japan and China will combine against Russia and that the United States and Great Britain will demand that other powers refrain from entering the conflict. At least that the position the two English speaking nations will occupy will be virtually a command to other powers.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the Japanese government is chartering numerous steamers as transports, including three belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese steamship company.

At the London offices of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in response to inquiries, it was declared that nothing was known there of the action. The officials of the company expressed the opinion that there would be no war and there had not been even an intimation received by the company that the government wished to requisition its steamers. As a matter of fact the officials declared their vessels were following their usual program.

The Daily Mail's Tien Tsin corre-

spondent learns upon what he says is good authority that in the event of a war between Russia and Japan the Chinese military authorities will co-operate with the Japanese.

According to the correspondent it is said in Tien Tsin that a number of Japanese warships are concentrating in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Tien Tsin says the correspondent has been informed on the authority that negotiations between Russia and Japan will terminate amicably.

THE DALLAS POSTMASTERSHIP.

The Friends of D. A. Robinson Are Becoming More Encouraged.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—Private advice received in Dallas today from Washington are to the effect that the name of D. A. Robinson, candidate for the office of postmaster, has been sent to the senate by President Roosevelt.

Newspaper dispatches from Washington have been silent in regard to this action of the president, and the friends of Mr. Robinson feel much encouraged to learn that the president has decided to stand by his original appointment.

After the senate adjourned without taking action on Mr. Robinson's nomination, it became necessary for the chief executive to make the nomination again when the body reconvened.

The news today is in harmony with the significant statement made by State Chairman Cecil A. Lyon a few days ago, that he looked for the early confirmation of Mr. Robinson, probably soon after the holiday recess.

Clock-work stockings sometimes conceal the main spring of some women's beauty.

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS.

Artificial Stone and Construction Company Commence Three Buildings.

Workmen are now busy putting in the foundation for three one-story artificial stone buildings on the block occupied by the old iron store east of Main street. The buildings will be built of material sufficiently strong for a two-story building and will be 20x60 feet.

Cement sidewalks will be put in front, and the buildings will be ready for occupancy in the near future.

NEWS OVER THE 'PHONE.

Springer.

Mr. and Mrs. Swales of Kansas City are the guests of Dr. McDowell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael of Hill County, Texas, are here visiting J. D. Benton.

Miss Janie Young has dismissed the school until after the holidays and left today for Detroit, Texas, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Clyde Perkins of Cooke county, Texas, is here to spend Christmas with Bud Carson.

Mrs. J. M. Arnold, who was taken suddenly ill Sunday night with congestion, is reported much better today.

Eik.

Vester Mullen of Ardmore is here today.

Our people have already begun celebrating Christmas.

Chagris.

The Christmas celebrations have begun.

Marietta.

The Epworth League will give a Christmas tree tonight at the opera house.

Wynnewood.

The young people of Pauls Valley and Wynnewood are preparing to give a big ball here tomorrow night at the opera house.

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THEY ALL WANT TO FIGHT

PEOPLE OF COLOMBIA WANT PANAMA BACK.

The President Has Given His Entire Private Fortune to Be Used by Colombia—Will Follow President of United States.

The Dallas News' special correspondent, cabling from Bogota, Colombia, yesterday, says:

I reached here yesterday after a rough trip by boat and over trail by muleback, and on the way was extended many courtesies by Gen. Torvar and staff. On every side, whether we went to a small village or passed a Colombian, the interest was intense.

There is but one feeling here, and that is for war with Panama. The natives can not conceive that the United States will take any part in what they consider a purely domestic trouble.

President Marroquin today submitted to an interview. He has just tendered to the Colombian government his entire private fortune, to be used in a war to bring Panama back into the Union. This will give an idea of the sentiment that reigns. It is not merely a matter of talk, but money is being tendered from all sides. The genuineness of his war feeling may be gauged when it is recalled that Marroquin has just suffered a defeat in a race for the presidency of the republic. He has set the citizens of Bogota wild over the announcement that his private fortune is at the disposal of the government.

In the course of his talk President Marroquin took the stand that Colombia in making war on Panama will be following the course of the United States federal government in fighting the Southern states back into the Union.

The news that Senator Gorman, a strong Democrat and possibility for the presidential nomination, has taken up the fight for rejection of the Panama treaty has imbued the Colombians with renewed hope that they will, as they put it, "Receive justice at the hands of the American people."

I am assured that this is the first cablegram sent out from here by an accredited correspondent of any newspaper in the United States. I have found no other correspondent here.

Developments of a grave nature may be expected at any time. Despite the extreme confidence in Gen. Reyes, there is considerable chafing over the delay in negotiations which is credited to the Republican administration. Statements that any interne trouble is brewing are incorrect.

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