

SPECIAL AGENT TOLD ON CLERK

McCracken Explains the Alleged Cause of His Dismissal.

SAYS PERRAULT MUST GO

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS AFTER HIS RESIGNATION.

(Special to The Herald.) Washington, Jan. 4.—The civil service commission is confident that its call for removal of Surveyor General Joseph Perrault of Idaho for violation of civil service laws will receive prompt attention.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK.

Wrong Signals Are the Cause of a Disaster Costing Several Lives.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 4.—Because of a wrong signal at the Ninevah tower late last night the fast expressbound Pennsylvania mail and express train No. 34 ran into a freight train ahead.

WOMING BOY IS A PAGE.

Idaho Couple Is Wed in the National Capital.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Penrose Reed, of Dr. L. Harvey Reed of Rock Springs, Wyo., was sworn in today as a page in the house of representatives.

VANDALS DEFACE CHURCH WHERE SHELDON PREACHES

Topoka, Kan., Jan. 4.—The Central Congregational church, the pastor of which is the Rev. C. M. Sheldon, was vandalized last night.

Evans May Go to Asia.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The navy department today received a cablegram from Admiral Remy of the fleet.

Carnegie's Gift Accepted.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Hay and several other gentlemen interested in the fund of \$100,000 for the Carnegie institution.

Break Into a Bank.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 4.—Four men broke into the bank of A. R. Scott at Bethel last night, blew up the safe and secured \$10,000 in bills.

Call Him the British Gentleman.

London, Jan. 4.—The action of Sir Ernest Cassel in placing \$2,000,000 at the disposal of King Edward for charitable or philanthropic purposes, which sum will be devoted to the relief of the famine in the East.

Admiral Dewey Goes South.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Admiral Dewey, who leaves for Florida next week with Mrs. Dewey, who is ill, called on President Roosevelt today to bid him good-bye.

Taylor Is to Be Retained.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury H. A. Taylor will retain his position as assistant secretary of the treasury.

Trusts Shut Down a Factory.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The local branch of the American Can company has been closed down and the stock and machinery is being moved to the plant of the Illinois Can company of Chicago.

Mail Coach Held Up.

South McAlester, I. T., Jan. 4.—Telephone dispatches from Goodland, L. T., state that the United States mail coach was held up by three masked men between Goodland and Florencia yesterday.

Another Cup Defender.

Bristol, R. I., Jan. 4.—Anticipating another international yacht race, Capt. H. Herreshoff, it is understood, has plans well under way for a 90-footer to defend the America's cup.

Postoffice Embezzlement Cases.

Havana, Jan. 4.—The Neely and Rathbone cases were called today. The reading of the complaint consumed all the day.

Hill's Daughter to Marry.

St. Paul, Jan. 4.—The engagement of Miss Ruth Hill, daughter of President J. P. Hill of the Northern Securities company, announced last evening, New York attorney, a college classmate of Miss Hill's brother, is announced.

Appointed Chief Clerk.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Howard Buckler of Baltimore, formerly chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general, has been appointed chief of the finance division of the postoffice department.

SHAKESPEARE-BACON DISPUTE IS REVIVED AGAIN IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 4.—Were the "silly season" at its height the country could not be had more firmly by the ears than it is today by the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy.

Miss Stone's Captors So Described in Letter Written By One of Them.

(Detroit News-Tribune.) New York.—The following is a copy of the letter written by one of the brigands, in whose power the American missionary, Miss Stone, and her captives, Mme. Talika, are held captive. The letter was delivered in Sofia on New Year's day.

MISS STONE'S CAPTORS SO DESCRIBED IN LETTER WRITTEN BY ONE OF THEM.

Passionately cold when we reached our first halting place, we lay in the folds of a mighty rock, surrounded by virgin forest. The entrance, though large enough to admit a pack horse, is so hidden by the trees that it is scarcely even the trained eye.

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After they had eaten, the women were told to lie down and rest, gathering strength for another ride that might possibly be undertaken within the next six or twelve hours.

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