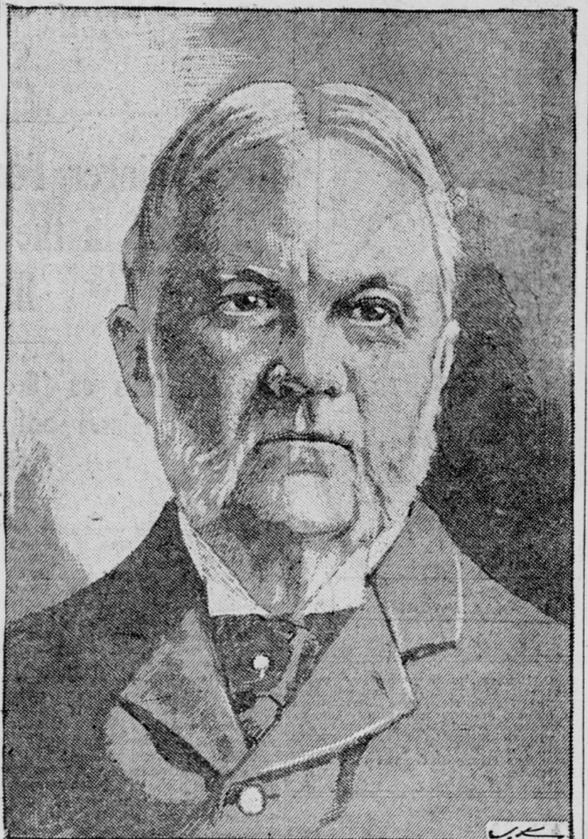


SECRETARY BLISS WILL SOON RETIRE

This May Cause Several Transfers to Be Made in the Cabinet.



CORNELIUS N. BLISS, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—It is probable that Secretary Bliss will tender his resignation within a short time to the President. He has had the step under consideration for some time, deeming it necessary that he should be free to devote more attention to his large business interests.

WHITE HUNTSMAN SLAIN BY INDIANS

Murder on an Island in Portage Bay.

FATE OF BARNEY PHALE

Halibut Schooner Two Friends Believed to Have Been Lost With All on Board at Dixon Entrance.

REDS RESENT ENCROACHMENTS ON THEIR PRESERVES.

WHEEL RACES AT THE GARDEN CITY

Tournament to Be Held in January.

DOWNING AND STEVENS IN A MATCH RACE.

CRACK RIDERS WILL MEET

Two Open Events Down for a Decision Undoubtedly Will Have a Large Number of Starters.

General Lee Reaches Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 13.—The United States transport Panama, one of the first prizes captured in the late war, arrived this evening with General Fitzhugh Lee and staff.

AGNEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY TAKE INQUIRY INTO BESSIE BAILEY'S DEATH.

MANAGERS NOT YET DECIDED WILL REACH A DETERMINATION TO-DAY.

Should It Be Decided to Investigate the Mystery, It Is Declared There Will Be No Whitewashing.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 13.—The board of managers of Agnews Asylum held an adjourned meeting in Secretary Montgomery's office this evening and discussed the mystery surrounding the death of Bessie Bailey.

From what took place this evening, it appears that some of the managers have been looking into the mystery individually. The doctor who saw the girl on the train, and Conductor Roach, on whose train the girl left the asylum, have been communicated with, and their accounts were related to the managers.

Before the meeting to-morrow the officials at the asylum will be consulted. If an investigation is decided on it will be a searching one and no whitewashing will be done.

The Santa Clara County legislative delegation will be present to-morrow and treatment of Bessie Bailey on the train between this city and Truckee, it is understood that this affidavit is to be used in an investigation to be held by the trustees of the Agnews Asylum or by the State Lunacy Commission.

On November 17, 1898, I received a telegram requesting me to meet the east-bound overland train at Truckee, for a sick passenger. On the arrival of said train, shortly after 3 p. m., I boarded the tourist car and was taken to a young woman, who was lying in a berth, apparently in great pain.

After relieving her from pain by other means, I gave her a small dose of morphia and she fell into a deep sleep. This was followed by a sleep of an hour and a quarter.

At this time the manager of the tourist party present, Mr. J. H. H. H., called me to the manager's office and told me that the manager of the Agnews Asylum, Mr. J. H. H., had been informed of the death of Bessie Bailey.

When I left the train at Truckee Miss Bailey was quiet and appeared comfortable. In a physical examination of the chest made by me under circumstances which would have revealed any evidence of bronchial catarrh, but no evidence of heart trouble could be detected.

Following the trip to Truckee she was hysterical, cried and laughed by turns, begged loudly for the relief of bladder trouble, and made no reference to any other operation.

She had in her satchel some medicines, some glycerine, and some tablets and laxative medicine. The pills she said contained strychnine, and I took them away from her and placed them in charge of one of the passengers.

I do not know whether she had taken any of her own medicine. She showed no evidence of being under the influence of morphia or any other narcotic or sedative.

At the time I left her I did not consider her condition dangerous, though it might become so from a recurrence of her bladder trouble.

Her death was from natural causes it is my belief from what I saw of her that it was probably due either to uremic poisoning or acute pulmonary congestion.

The young woman gave me her name as Miss Bessie Wright but I ascertained from the passengers and the manager that she was a Miss Bessie Bailey.

Following the affidavit is this statement in Dr. Ware's own handwriting: COLFAX, Cal., Dec. 12.—She gave me a ten-dollar gold piece in payment for my attendance on her. She did not have a great deal of money, but could spare \$5. I had no change and presented the ten-

ALDERMEN NOW HOLD SESSIONS IN SECRET

Sub-Committee Is Yet at Work.

PREPARE SHORT EXTENSIONS FOR THE FRANCHISES.

CHICAGO RAILWAYS YET HOPE FOR THE FRANCHISES.

Mayor Harrison, However, Is Determined That Action Will Not Be Taken Until the Allen Law Is Repealed.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A new tack has been taken by the street railway people, as represented by the joint committee of the Council to which the Lyman franchise ordinance was submitted by the Council. The sub-committee of the joint committee, appointed to consider the ordinance or frame another, as it chose, resumed its work to-day, claiming the action of the Council last night merely took from it the Lyman ordinance, leaving the Hermans and several minor ordinances in the sub-committee's hands.

Mayor Harrison says nothing was done at the Council meeting last night and that the people now know where some of the Aldermen stand in the fight, but that the traction companies are beaten so far as long-term franchises are concerned.

It is the intention of this sub-committee, and this intention is not concealed, to "put the Mayor in a hole," if it can, and to this end it will proceed to formulate an ordinance granting street franchises to the city at 10 per cent of the yearly gross earnings of the companies, establishing a system of transfers, and in fact, they will embody all the ideas of the Mayor as to the sort of an ordinance that will be pleasing to the people, and then dare him to veto it.

This plan is to be forwarded for the dual purpose of embarrassing Mayor Harrison in his position of refusing to treat with the companies and of dividing public sentiment long enough to permit the gang to rally its forces and put through the Council such ordinances as the companies are willing to ask for.

The joint committee still has in its possession, according to the arguments of Francis, Cullerton, Kimball and McInerney, the dominant spirits in the sub-committee, the Hermans ordinance, the Math ordinance and the Kimball ordinance, and with these for authority most of that body believe they can go ahead and listen to the arguments of the traction companies in search for facts to form conclusions and build an ordinance for recommendation to the Council.

Mayor Harrison still stands upon his declaration that nothing shall be done until the Allen law is repealed, and when asked about this attitude of the joint committee, replied: "They will have the Hermans ordinance before them, but the intention of the Council last night was to recall from the joint committee authority to consider the franchise question. There is no doubt of that, and it is a question whether the sub-committee has any powers."

Samuel W. Allerton, the millionaire packer and large holder of Chicago City Railway stock, said to-day if the city did not want to grant fifty-year franchises the railway companies would not be badly hurt.

"We have franchises," said he, "on our books for fifty years, anyhow, and nobody can touch them. There is not anybody that would want our cross town lines without trunk lines, because they would not pay. The city would let us go ahead."

Further than that he said the present agitation was hurting Chicago greatly and that many men in New York absolutely refused to lend money here because of the contest now going on here and the opposition manifested toward corporations and capital.

McKinley Cheered in the South.

SALISBURY, N. C., Dec. 13.—The Presidential train arrived here just before midnight. The trip from Lynchburg, Va., was without incident. At Lynchburg hundreds of Virginians were gathered at the station, although it was after dark and the weather was very cold. The train stopped there only about three minutes. The President appeared on the rear platform and bowed to the cheering assemblage.

Leo on Americanism.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Rome correspondent of the Standard says: The Pope has addressed a letter to Cardinal Gibbons on his theories of Americanism. It will not be published until it has been communicated to the American episcopate.

Union Iron Works of Root, Nielson & Co. Destroyed.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—At midnight last night the Union Iron Works of Root, Nielson & Co., on Front street, was burned. The foundry did a large business all over the coast and was a finely equipped establishment. The patterns are said to represent a value of \$40,000 to the owners, and these and all the machinery are ruined. The loss is perhaps \$30,000, but by one-third insurance.

Killed by a Dynamite Explosion.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—A premature explosion of dynamite occurred in the eastern portion of the Cascade tunnel this evening. Pat Shorland, of Butte, Mont., was killed, and two other unknown injured.

Spending Money!

For the next few days nearly everybody will be parting with a little money; some with large amounts, others will find it necessary to confine their purchases to smaller sums. Whether you decide to buy a trifle or two, or a wagon load for giving or selling to others, we have the goods and the sum you appropriate to Christmas purchases will reach farther with us than anywhere else in town.

PANGAKE MEAL—This is Aunt Jemima's, and she is offering the hot cakes free to all visitors; first door to the right. Try it before you buy it.

MEN'S FINE \$2.50 HATS—These are a lot of 200 samples sent out from the factory to make selections from. Boys' hats, 50 cents up; men's, 50 cents up; to close this season.

FLANNEL-BACK TENNIS—This is the popular style of wrapper goods sold so freely elsewhere; at 10 cents; prettier patterns you ever saw; 2 balls; to close at 7 cents.

HEAVY APRON PLAIDS, 30yds \$1.00—This is not 10-cent goods, but is the best property in strong gingham we ever offered on a 3-cent basis.

CANTON FLANNEL—Good quality, unbleached, for children's or women's wear. Make your money reach by trading at a cash store.

BARGAIN TABLE. Adamantine Pins, per paper, any size..... 1c Asbestos Fire Kindlers; a 10c article..... 1c 1 Jinko basket, for fancy work..... 1c 1 Butcher Knife (on the last grass)..... 5c 2 lbs. Mariners' Toast (last barrel)..... 5c 1 game to amuse children..... 5c 50 pair Ladies' Black Hosiery, fast..... 5c 50 dozen assorted Buttons, family use..... \$1.00 23 assorted Handkerchiefs, family use..... 10c

WOULD SELL VERY VALUABLE FRANCHISES

Scheme of the Cuban Autonomists.

UNCLE SAM CALLS A HALT

GENERAL WADE INSTRUCTED TO CHECK THE DEAL.

If Necessary the Principals in the Enterprise Will Be Promptly Arrested and Imprisoned.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—From information received here it appears that the autonomist government of Cuba, established a year ago, is making strenuous effort to dispose of a number of very valuable franchises and concessions before the advent of the military government of the United States.

These franchises and concessions include the right to construct and operate the Central Railroad line of the island, including eleven branches, and also a network of electric railroads for Havana. The authorities first secured an agreement with General Wade at Havana by which Spanish sovereignty over the island was to cease and formal occupation by the United States begin on January 1, 1899.

Advertisements were subsequently prepared and inserted in a Havana newspaper, asking for bids for these concessions and franchises, the same to be opened and presumably the award made on December 23 of the present year, two days before the government is formally turned over to the United States.

The President, however, has seen fit to put a quietus upon the enterprise of the Spaniards, and has issued instructions to General Wade, the chairman of our evacuation commission at Havana, immediately to inform the officials of the Spanish autonomist government that the United States strongly disapproves of the proposed disposition of the concessions and franchises described, and to ask that all negotiations for the same be discontinued. It seems probable that this hint will be sufficient, but in case it is not, General Wade's instructions are sufficient to meet every contingency.

He is ordered to put a stop to all proceedings without any limitations on his authority. If necessary there is no doubt that the principals in the scheme will be promptly arrested and imprisoned.

According to the terms of the advertisement in the case of the Central Railroad, the concession is to run ninety-nine years, and under it the government of the United States will acquire the concessionaire by guaranteeing an annual interest of 4 per cent on the capital invested in the lines mentioned, besides all advantages granted to railroad companies under the laws of 1857 and 1880. The roads are also "granted exemption from import duties on material necessary for the construction and operation of the lines," and also "free of all taxes on lands belonging to the state or to towns as may be necessary for the construction and operation."

Bidders were required to deposit before bidding the sum of 200,000 pesos in gold in the Spanish bank in Cuba and a further sum of 1,000,000 pesos in gold as a guarantee.

"The treasury of the island of Cuba," it is declared, "will pay in gold to the concessionaire every month the amounts due on the sections of line in operation at the rate of interest guaranteed."

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