

SANGER GAINS POSITION IN SPITE OF OPPONENTS

New Assistant Secretary of War Triumphs Over Antagonism of New York Senators.



COLONEL WILLIAM C. SANGER, APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Colonel William C. Sanger of New York was appointed Assistant Secretary of War to-day and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office. His commission was made out at the War Department this morning and was signed by the President during the forenoon. Soon afterward Colonel Sanger appeared at the War Department and was immediately ushered into the private office of Secretary Root. There, in the presence of Lieutenant General Miles and Chief Clerk Schofield, he subscribed to the regulation oath of office. In it he stated his residence as Sangerfield, N. Y. The new Assistant Secretary is a guest at the house of Secretary Root and the two took luncheon there this afternoon. According to an arrangement made in the meeting Colonel Sanger's office took formal possession of the office of Assistant Secretary and was introduced to the bureau chiefs and all other principal officers of the department. Later he was presented to the President by Secretary Root.

The following official statement was made by the Secretary of War this afternoon in regard to the appointment: Some time before the expiration of the last administration and before the reappointment of the Cabinet, Assistant Secretary Melick-John notified the President that, by reason of his candidacy for the Senate, he was desirous of attending it and the necessity that there should be a Washington secretary who could be present in Washington to take the duties of the office. He was unwilling to permit his name to be considered for reappointment. William Carey Sanger has accordingly been appointed and will immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

Senators Platt and Depey of New York called at the White House to-day and were with the President one hour. When they left the following statement was made in connection with their visit: The New York Senators, Platt and Depey, called upon the President this morning and the first time Colonel Sanger's appointment as Assistant Secretary of War was referred to. Having some opinion on the matter, the Secretary of War, they decided to offer no opposition to Colonel Sanger's appointment.

While the New York Senators had been disposed to oppose Colonel Sanger, they realized that the assistant to a Cabinet officer should be in harmony with his chief and they decided not to carry their opposition any further. Colonel Sanger's appointment by the Senate will not be opposed by them.

PANIC AND DEATH IN FERCE FIRE

Three Are Killed and Three Injured in Tenement Conflagration.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Three persons were killed and three injured to-day in a fire that drove fifty tenants in panic from the five-story tenement house, 270 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, and partly destroyed the building.

A woman and a 12-year-old boy, crazed by fear, jumped from the fourth and third story windows, respectively, and were killed. The mother of the boy was burned to death in her apartments.

Farrell Murray, a motorman, was badly burned while carrying Mrs. Mary Dehrer through smoke and flames from the fourth floor to the roof. The dead: MARY MADDEN, 67 years old, a widow; GEORGE RANTIO, 49 years old; MRS. RANTIO, aged 45.

The injured: Mrs. Mary Dehrer, severely burned about face, arms and neck; Farrell Murray, burned about hands, arms and face; Fireman McEue of the Brooklyn water tower, cut about hands and arms by falling glass.

MORTGAGES ON CHURCH SITES ARE TAXABLE

City Attorney Lane Holds That Only Unincumbered Portions Are Exempted.

City Attorney Lane filed an opinion with Assessor Dodge yesterday in which he advised that mortgages upon church property are taxable, though the constitutional amendment recently adopted exempts from taxation church property upon which there is no lien. In his opinion Mr. Lane says:

In the general provision that all property shall be taxed to the land and that as independent property or a credit it must follow that the mortgage exempt when the land is exempt. As has been shown above the Supreme Court has said that would seem to justify no other conclusion. But there has been a case before the Supreme Court in which the question involved was the exemption of a mortgage from the tax on the property of the mortgagor. And the German Trust and affiliated cases are distinguishable upon the ground that they are not mortgages but rather are tax-exempt property. To tax both the bonds involved and the property mortgaged is to tax the same property twice and to avoid this the court held that the mortgage is not taxable. Where, however, the property itself is being taxed this principle would not reasonably apply. The question is one that is not free from doubt and it is not free from doubt that it should be resolved in favor of an assessment and taxation of mortgages upon church property, it being within the power of those otherwise advised to protect themselves by payment under protest.

DENIED A LANDING.—In the matter of the application of two Chinese sailors on board the John Currier to land Port Collector Straton refused to grant the application on the ground that the Chinese sailors had failed to prove to his satisfaction that they were natives of Hawaii.

WIRELESS WIZARD MAKES HIS IN AMERICA

Marconi on His Arrival Says That He Has Not Any Set Plans.

Will Probably, However, Go to Washington to Consult on the Introduction of His System in the Navy.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, March 14.—William Marconi of wireless telegraph fame arrived here to-day, a passenger on the White Star line steamship Majestic from Liverpool. He will probably go to Washington in a day or so to consult with the authorities there concerning the introduction of his system into the United States navy. He said to a Call reporter that his plans were rather indefinite and he could not announce his programme.

One of the principal objects of his visit is to establish stations on the American coast for the purpose of signaling incoming vessels. Had the Marconi system been in use at this port, for instance, it would have been possible for the approach of the Majestic to have been announced while she was 200 miles out at sea.

It might also have been used by the Rio de Janeiro. If a wireless telegraph message could have been sent instantly to an intelligent operator at the life-saving station, instead of having to depend upon steam whistles and a stupid fellow like Lookout Mark Ellingsen, assistance might have gone to the rescue in time to have saved some lives at least. And had Captain Ward been able to announce by wireless message to the Pacific Mail's officers his ship's approach to the Golden Gate he would not have been so eager to steam up to the docks, for it was his anxiety to report to the wireless telegraph that caused the disaster.

Mr. Marconi said that the United States was slower in adopting the wireless telegraph than were England and other European countries. He declared he could not present to the President his plan until the country would be established. He remarked that he had many business interests to attend to in the United States and that he would make no experiment in the workings of the system were not definitely established and he is able to signal vessels at a distance of 200 miles.

DIAZ IS NOT DYING, SAYS AN ACQUAINTANCE

Mexican President's Health Is Reported Good, but El Paso People Discredit the Information.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—To-day a dispatch was received from a banker at Cuernavaca, Mexico, where President Diaz is sojourning for his health, which says there is no truth in the report that the President is in a dangerous condition or that the end is near. The writer says he saw Diaz last evening and his health is good.

The information contained in the dispatch is not generally credited here and an El Paso afternoon paper says editorially to-day: "We are inclined to believe that the report is a hoax. Large porters of President Diaz are trying to conceal the President's real condition in the endeavor to avoid trouble and to prepare for what must be the inevitable issue—the death of the ruler. It is also likely that there is a large amount of intrigue and even plots of savor of treason among certain portions of the upper classes of the people, while it is unlikely that there would be any assistance to be gained from the masses of the people."

DENVER CLERGYMAN CONCLUDES TO REMAIN

The Rev. Robert Coyle, Formerly of Oakland, Will Not Go to a Los Angeles Church.

DENVER, March 14.—Rev. Robert F. Coyle, who started the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church here by resigning his position as pastor, has been prevailed upon to reconsider his decision and to remain in Denver. He will announce his determination to stay in his pulpit next Sunday.

During the week Dr. Coyle has had a large number of visits from his parishioners, all of whom assured him of their approval of his methods of conducting the church and of their personal favor and desire to co-operate with him in his work, and all of whom begged of him not to carry into effect his decision to accept a church in Los Angeles. These calls were not without their effect upon Dr. Coyle and his wavering desire not to go became a fixed purpose last night, when he met with the elders of the church, all the differences and misunderstandings between pastor and people were cleared up. Mr. Coyle cannot leave Denver from Oakland five months ago.

GRAVE WILL BE HERE IF BODY IS FOUND

Captain Ward's Brother Says There Was No Dispute About Possession of the Remains.

DENVER, March 14.—C. E. Ward, brother of Captain William Ward of the steamship Rio de Janeiro, returned to his home here last night after an absence of three weeks, during which time he engaged actively in efforts to locate the remains and recover the bodies of the victims.

"There was no dispute as to the possession of the body of my brother in the event of its recovery," said Mr. Ward. "There was a woman in San Francisco who said that she wanted the body buried there if it was found. Her wishes will be respected. My brother, John Ward of Raleigh, N. C., arrived in San Francisco a few days ago and he will remain there as a month in charge of the body in case it is found."

Screwdriver Causes Death.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—Henry Thibault, aged 76 years, is dead as the result of a wound received while brushing his clothes. He carried a small screwdriver in his vest pocket and inflicted a slight cut on his hand while brushing the garment. Blood poisoning set in, causing his death.

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GAS EXPLOSION WIPES OUT TOWN

Burst Pipe Starts a Fire Which Devastates Hundreds of Homes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 14.—The bursting of a natural gas pipe at midnight started a fire that destroyed property worth half a million dollars. The greater part of this little town was completely wiped out and over a thousand persons, about one-half the population, are homeless and were in great distress until a special relief train from Louisville reached here.

The heaviest loser is the American Tobacco Company, which lost two large stemmeries and 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The company's loss has not been estimated. Bucket brigades were formed and men and women alike fought the flames valiantly, but to no purpose. Exhausted women and children huddled in little groups wherever shelter could be found from the biting cold of the night and early morning. Neighboring towns were asked for assistance in fighting the fire, but before it could be rendered the high wind had swept the flames through the place, making the devastation complete.

As soon as the management of the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis Railroad learned that hundreds of people were homeless they ordered every available coach between Louisville and Henderson hurried to Cloverport, and in these the unfortunate, left in the time being, make their homes. The management also sent 500 loaves of bread and other food. Not a store was left in town where a thoughtful of food could be obtained. Adjutant General Murray telegraphed that 500 tents had been dispatched from Frankfort, and the authorities at Louisville wired that a trainload of relief supplies, quickly gathered, would leave at noon.

At noon the fire was still burning in spots, but little is left for it to devour, the few remaining houses being scattered and away from the business and residence section of the town. There were a few minor accidents, but so far as known no one was seriously injured.

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