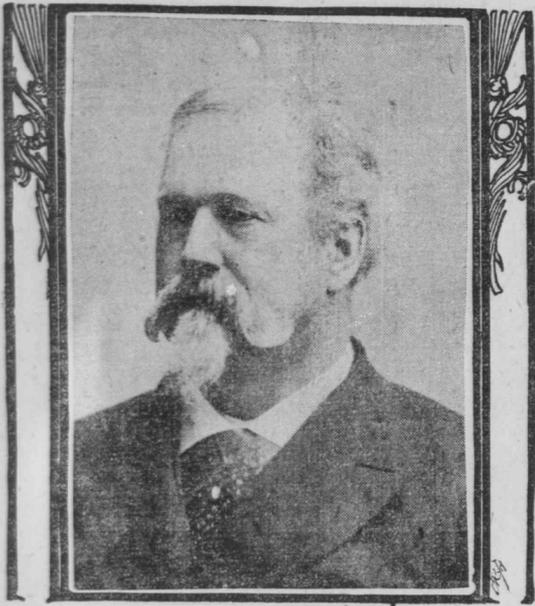


HOLDS UP NOMINATIONS FOR ARMY PROMOTIONS

Senate Committee to Investigate Complaints That Great Injustice Is Done.



SENATOR JOSEPH R. HAWLEY

CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS, WHICH WILL INVESTIGATE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF INJUSTICE IN THE PROMOTION OF ARMY OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has held up pending an investigation all of the army nominations sent in before the recess below the grade of major. The members of the committee have received numerous complaints about the method of the selection of officers under the reorganization law. It is asserted that great injustice has been done to officers who have served quite a long time. Complaint has been made that the men were elected from those who formerly served as volunteers to fill original vacancies, and that they became captains as soon as they were appointed. Others appointed, it is alleged, waited from four to seven months before acceptance of their commissions, which date from the time the appointment was made, their rank being determined by the date of their commission. This gives them

MANY FRIENDS PAY LAST SAD TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Funeral of the Late George W. Jackson, at Sacramento, Is Largely Attended.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—The funeral of George W. Jackson, late secretary of the State Agricultural Society, took place this afternoon from his late residence at Fifth and I streets. The services were conducted by the local lodge of Elks, of which Jackson was a past exalted ruler. Rev. C. L. Miel read the burial ritual of the Episcopal church. Interment was in the city cemetery and the body was followed to its last resting place by a large number of the friends of the popular secretary and esteemed citizen. The floral pieces were of exquisite beauty. The pallbearers were Frank E. Wright, E. P. Colgan, C. W. Paine, Frank Lyman, Richard Kimbrough, John Mackey and B. U. Stelman of Sacramento and G. W. Kingsbury of San Francisco.

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MAY NOT ACCEPT PLACE ON BENCH

W. I. Foley Not Anxious to Succeed the Late Jackson Temple.

Intimates That He Intends to Decline the Position Tendered Him.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—W. I. Foley, who has been tendered the position on the Supreme bench made vacant by the death of Justice Jackson Temple, may not accept it. He said this to-day in an interview, in which he told more of himself and his plans than the people of the capital city have known regarding him during his four years' residence in this city. Foley spoke with evident sincerity concerning himself and his plans for his four young children, one of whom is a confirmed invalid, and who by their mother's death have been left entirely to his protection and care. The conversation revealed a glimpse of Secretary Foley's life with which the general public has certainly been entirely unfamiliar.

During the past four years Foley has seldom been seen in a public gathering of any sort. He has taken no part in the life of the city, and it must be said that he has not been popular with those having business with the Governor's office. If possessed of special ability along any lines he has never taken the pains publicly to reveal it, nor has any one apparently considered it worth while to discover and proclaim it. He has led a silent, solitary life except for the society of his young children, one or more of whom would every day be seen in his company. While never really discourteous to inquirers, he has never been known to volunteer any information concerning himself or the public acts of his chief. That he should have spoken with such freedom this afternoon is on this account a matter of no small surprise.

MAY DECLINE THE HONOR.

Foley said it was a fact that he had been offered by Governor Gage appointment to the place on the Supreme bench made vacant by the death of Justice Jackson Temple, but that the fact should have become public was not due to any act of his. He said that perhaps every lawyer has an ambition to occupy a place of honor upon the bench, but this was not the first time he had been tendered honors by Governor Gage, which he had respectfully declined. He said his sole ambition was to do whatever seemed best for the four young children who had been left motherless to his care, and he believed he could do better by these children in declining honor which the most distinguished member of the bar would gladly seize. He stated that George A. Knight had in August last resigned as attorney to the State Board of Health and that the Governor had offered him this position, but he had declined it. It may be said parenthetically that this is the first intimation given out at the capital that Knight had resigned. The salary is \$300 a year and the term four years.

Foley said that in 1899, soon after he assumed his duties as private secretary, he was offered by Governor Gage appointment to a vacancy on the Superior bench of Los Angeles County, but he believed that he would do better for his children by remaining at his post in the office of the Governor.

DOES NOT COVET THE PLACE.

He said Governor Gage had offered to take him into partnership at the expiration of his term in the practice of law in Los Angeles, and that he looked upon this offer with much favor. He said he tendered an appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court. He believed that it gave promise of a better future for himself and for the little ones, to whom he has been since the death in his family in 1898, both father and mother. Foley further said that he did not desire to anticipate the formal answer he would give the Governor by making a positive declaration at this time with respect to his acceptance of what was best for himself and his little ones, and that the position of Justice of the Supreme Court claimed a special favor in his eyes, situated as he was.

Concluding the interview Foley made this significant statement: "In the event of my declination it is not out of a possibility that the vacancy caused by Justice Temple's death might be filled by Governor-elect Pardee. I do not know the Governor's views, but I do know that pleasant relations exist between Pardee and his successor, and I venture to say it is a political possibility that Governor-elect Pardee will make the appointment."

MINISTER LI YONGKIK IS STILL IN DISGRACE

Loses His Emblems of High Authority, but Still Commands the Korean Guards.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—Advices received here from Korea announce that a great scandal has resulted at Seoul over the disgrace of Li Yongkik, Minister of Finance, whose peacock feathers and other emblems of high authority have been removed. This means that he ceases to be the head of the Imperial Estates Bureau, head of the Imperial Printing Bureau and head of the Ginseng administration. Three charges are preferred against Li Yongkik: first that he used outrageous language toward a member of a highly respectable family; secondly, that he called himself "subject" in addressing Lady On, lately created Empress of Korea, whereas under Korean laws any one calling himself "subject" of any person other than the Emperor is supposed to be a conspirator; thirdly, that he played into the hands of Russia, to the detriment of Korean interests. The Emperor refused to entirely dismiss Li Yongkik and he continues commander of the Imperial Guards.

TWO CHINESE STEAMERS COLLIDE AND ONE SINKS

Sixty Sailors and Passengers Are Missing and It Is Believed They Are Drowned.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—News was brought by the steamer Tartar, which arrived to-day, of a disaster in the Malacca Straits, as a result of which sixty lives were lost. The Tokio Mail publishes a telegram from Hongkong stating that the steamer Bunsang was in collision with the steamer Kiang Yan in the Malacca Straits and the Kiang Yan was sunk. Sixty sailors and passengers are missing. Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire on board the Imperial Steamship Company's steamer Hokoku Maru, off the coast of Suttou, on December 3, and the vessel was sunk, eighteen of the crew losing their lives.

BOTH MEN FALL BADLY WOUNDED

Redding Husband Shot by Erring Wife's Friend.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

REDDING, Dec. 28.—William Turpin and Burt Law are under surgical treatment in this city to-night for wounds received this morning in a shooting affray at the home of Turpin in the Boardman Addition to Redding. The wounds of neither are necessarily fatal. Turpin was found in the rear of the Golden Eagle Hotel early this morning, bleeding profusely and faint from the loss of blood and the intense cold. He was removed to the hotel, where later his wounds were dressed. His chin was almost entirely shot away, his shoulder-blade shattered and several teeth were shot out. Turpin, who had been at Willows visiting his mother, arrived in Redding this morning and proceeded to his home in the Boardman Addition to see his wife. He says the door was locked and he proceeded to force an entrance. As he did so young Law, who was in the house, grabbed a double barreled shotgun and began shooting. He was only about five feet from Turpin when he fired. The first charge of shot tore through Turpin's lower jaw and passed into his shoulder. Turpin fell to the floor, but succeeded in regaining his feet and drew his revolver. The blood was streaming into his eyes and although his aim was bad he succeeded in sending a bullet into the fleshy part of Law's leg. After emptying his revolver Turpin started up town. He dragged himself for twelve blocks and sank exhausted in the rear of the hotel, where he was picked up. Law went back to his room and there received surgical treatment. He was arrested later and placed in the County Jail. Turpin claims Law has been trying to break up his home while Law and Mrs. Turpin claim that Turpin deserted the woman several months ago. Bad blood has existed between the two men for some time.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ARE BADLY INJURED

Section of Burning Building Falls and They Are Buried Under the Timbers.

REDDING, Dec. 28.—Word has just been received of a probably fatal fire at Pittville, sixty miles east of Redding, the morning before Christmas. The A. A. Baker store, the largest in the little town, was completely destroyed. Two persons, an Indian named Joe and a man whose name is not known here, are said to have received injuries from which they cannot recover. They were acting as volunteer firemen and a section of the building fell on top of them, pinning them down. The fire was a heavy blow, not only to the Baker Company, but to nearly every family in Pittville. The store was the headquarters for the holiday trade and hundreds of dollars' worth of presents that had been purchased and paid for by residents of the town and left at the store until Christmas were destroyed. Many a child in Pittville did not have a visit from Santa Claus as a result of the fire. There was no insurance on the store.

Japanese Sealers Have a Good Season

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The Japanese sealers had a profitable season, although four vessels of the fleet of nineteen were lost, three of them, it is believed, with all on board, although there were rumors that the men of one, the Tanya Maru, have been seized by the Russians. The total catch of schooners forming the Japanese fleet amounts to 12,621 skins.

ELECTRIC SHOCK KILLS A BAKER

Wire Attached to Lamp He Was Using Is Not Insulated.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 28.—John G. Buss, who was found dead in his bakery in Mill Valley last night, was killed by an electric light wire. Buss was in the habit of using a sixteen candlepower lamp to throw light into his oven so that he might see if the bread was baked. The insulation was worn off of a portion of the wire and when the wire came in contact with the iron of the oven Saturday night Buss, who was standing in his bare feet on a concrete floor in front of the oven, received 110 volts through his body. Buss was troubled with heart disease and the shock killed him. He was found at 10:15 p. m. lying face down on the floor and dead.

A Coroner's inquest was held this afternoon and the verdict rendered was to the effect that Buss came to his death from an electric shock. During the course of the investigation it developed that Buss was not the only one who received electric shocks last night in Mill Valley and also that he was aware earlier in the evening that there was a leakage of electricity in his house. About 5 o'clock Mrs. Buss was turning on the electricity in her home and received two severe shocks. Rev. H. Howitt was also injured by an electric current last night. He was turning on the lights in his parsonage when he received a severe shock. Thinking it was through carelessness in handling the lamp, he made another attempt. The second time he received a severe burn.

DEATH SUDDENLY COMES TO A NOTED CHARACTER

Thomas H. Jeffries Dies in the Chinese Quarter of Oroville After a Checked Career.

GRIDLEY, Dec. 28.—Thomas H. Jeffries, an old resident of Oroville, was found dead Saturday morning in the Chinese quarter. Heart failure is assigned as the cause of death. Jeffries was a native of Virginia and 78 years old. His career had been a checked one. He was a member of a gang of thieves that infested Oroville during the early '80's, and when the brutal murder of a restaurant keeper named Miller was committed he was arrested with several others and charged with complicity in the crime. Though he was not convicted he was tried on another charge, found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison. He served out his term and returned to Oroville. He became the owner of considerable property in the tenderloin district, from which he derived quite an income. After getting out of prison he led a quiet life and professed religion.

KOREAN GOVERNMENT MUST PAY THE CLAIMS

United States Minister at Seoul Looking Out for Interests of American Contractors.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—The steamship Lyra brings the news that the United States representative at Seoul is pressing upon the Korean Government the claims of the Atlantic Coast firm which constructed the Seoul waterworks and electric street railways. Minister Allen insists that if Korea cannot discharge her liabilities in connection with these enterprises they ought to be handed over to the American firm which built them. Under American management both enterprises could be made to pay handsomely.

ARMY TRANSPORT STRIKES ON ROCK

Disaster to the Sherman Off Southern Luzon.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—The United States army transport Sherman struck a rock near San Bernardino light, south of Luzon, on Friday night. The transport sustained a heavy shock and some of her plates were damaged. After the accident twenty-three inches of water was found in her forward bilges, but was controlled by steady pumping. The steamer proceeded to Manila under her own steam and arrived here to-day. When the Sherman struck the passengers were terrified, but there was no disorder. They promptly took to their stations, with life preservers on, in the small boats. The officers of the Sherman handled the situation splendidly. Her cargo was not damaged. It probably will be necessary for her to dock at Hongkong.

The census of 1900 shows that there are 13,157 negroes to every 100,000 whites, compared with 13,579 in 1890.

MINERS TO ASK FOR MORE PAY

Action Will Be Taken at the National Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers' Union of Illinois, in a statement to-day says that the miners of the United States will make a demand for a material increase in wages at the national convention at Indianapolis on January 13. Ryan says that the operators are receiving a larger price for coal than ever before and they cannot make the excuse that the mines are not paying expenses. Ryan says that the convention will produce figures to show the total cost of mining a ton of coal and give the public an idea of the profit being reaped by the operators. Ryan will attend the convention and no doubt will lead the fight for higher wages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Cornelius Vanderbilt continues to improve.

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