

MCLELLAN'S AIDS.

The Names of Five Tammany Appointees Announced.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mayor Elect McClellan has announced that he will make the following appointments: City chamberlain, Patrick Keenan, Commissioner of correction, Francis J. Lantry.

Fire commissioner, Nicholas J. Hayes, Tenement house commissioner, Thomas C. T. Crain.

Corporation counsel, John J. Delany.

Three of the men whom the mayor elect has named—Keenan, Lantry and Hayes—are Tammany district leaders.

The appointment of Delany was a personal matter with Colonel McClellan. Lantry has been chosen, it is said, to please ex-Mayor Van Wyck, whose only request from the new administration was that his commissioner of correction should be reappointed.

Odell Gets McClellan's Resignation.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The resignation of George B. McClellan as member of congress from the Twelfth district of New York on account of his election as mayor of New York city has been received by Governor Odell and filed with the secretary of state.

Governor Odell will order a special election to fill the vacancy.

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DELAYS THE TRUST HEARING

Counsel For Bondholders of Shipbuilding Corporation, Ill.

THE FRENCH UNDERWRITING.

Some interesting correspondence made public despite desperate attempts to keep it secret.

New York, Dec. 23.—On account of the illness of Consul Untermeyer the hearing in the United States shipbuilding receivership proceedings was postponed.

Some interesting correspondence concerning the French underwriting for the trust has just become public despite the attempts made to suppress it.

The French underwriting, which was glowingly promised, but never materialized, is generally considered to be the rock upon which the United States Shipbuilding company stranded.

These underwriters did not even pay the first installment of 25 per cent on the \$4,250,000 of bonds for which they had subscribed, and with the default in payment the serious and eventually overwhelming troubles came upon the shipbuilding company.

The story of the failure of this French underwriting and the almost superhuman efforts which were made to keep the Parisian subscribers in hand is told in a series of letters and cablegrams which passed between Charles B. Alexander, and his law firm, Alexander & Green of this city; John W. Young, promoter of the shipbuilding company, and the Trust Company of the Republic, which almost foundered in the storm which wrecked the shipbuilding organization.

Tried to Suppress Correspondence.

When Mr. Alexander was on the stand in the receivership hearing last week, he and counsel for the defense sought in every way to prevent the spreading of these communications upon the record. In the witness chair Mr. Alexander afforded the other attorneys present an instructive example of evasiveness and verbal fencing.

As there was some uncertainty regarding the French underwriting obtained by Mr. Young, Mr. Alexander, who was in Europe in June, 1902, was cabled by his firm to take charge of the matter, and from this time began the letters and cablegrams to which so much reference has been made during the last two or three sessions of the shipbuilding hearings.

The communications show how the French were hot and cold by turns over this American enterprise. Before Mr. Alexander took control of the Paris negotiations the Trust Company of the Republic had cabled to that city the "success" of the underwriting on this side of the water. In a letter to his firm, dated July 15, 1902, Mr. Alexander stated that Judge Mayer had intimated to Baron Calvet-Rogniat, one of the chief underwriters, the thought that the Trust Company of the Republic had no authority to report the amount of subscriptions and that there would be a call.

The letter continued in part:

Rogniat deplored the fact that there would be one, as he had sent to all his subscribers a notice that he had heard from New York that the issue was a complete success and that of course it would be a wet blanket to them. It is my impression that as these people have all been assured by the directors of the Trust Company of the Republic that they are free from liability, the trust company having asserted that the New York issue was a great success they will be somewhat stunned and hesitate when they are called upon, but my impression is that the call will be honored and that the list of underwriters will be found to be about as good as the average list in New York; but before you get this letter you will have heard from me more fully by cable.

Baron Calvet-Rogniat was at one time highly incensed with John W. Young, and of this Mr. Alexander wrote at length to his law firm in a letter of July 17. Calvet-Rogniat complained that Young had never gone near him with information as to the progress of the underwriting and had altogether behaved in a most suspicious and unpleasant way. Mr. Alexander wrote:

Of course I disclaimed responsibility for Young. I admitted that he had not had proper telegrams and that the Republic telegram ought to have been more clear, but I explained to him, and I think he adopted my views before the interview was over, that the word "success" did not mean the sale of all bonds, but simply the sale of such a number of bonds as encouraged the Republic to feel that the rest would be sold in time.

Further in the letter Mr. Alexander said he asked the baron whether, assuming that a call were to be made on the underwriters, he would be prepared to pay at once any call made for any deficiency, and the baron's answer was transmitted by Mr. Alexander as:

He said in a very loud, firm voice, looking me full in the eyes, that he would; that he was ready and able to live up to his obligations. He noted later in the conversation that some of these people whom he had told the thing was at an end might kick, but he would have to explain it to them.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed:

New Jersey—Cold Spring, Henry J. Fleischner; Port Elizabeth, Caroline M. Willets.

Pennsylvania—Pineville, J. Grant Kooker.

Grand Rapids Alderman Arraigned.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 23.—In the superior court ex-Alderman Malnehl Kinney pleaded not guilty of accepting a bribe to aid the Lake Michigan water scheme, and his case was adjourned until Jan. 11.

CHICAGO BANDITS

They Hold Us a Street Car, but Are Forced to Flee.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Two highwaymen held up an Evanston avenue electric car, but met with so warm a reception from the car crew and Deputy Sheriff Albert Tempke that they fled without having secured any booty.

The car was attacked within two blocks of the town hall police station, and the score of passengers were thrown into a panic.

One of the highwaymen stood in the middle of the track when the car was half a block away and signaled for it to stop.

When the footpad boarded the front end of the car Paul Jenkinson, the motorman, saw a revolver in the man's hand. Without a moment's hesitation, the motorman jerked the crank from his brake and struck the robber on the head, knocking him from the car and felling him to the street.

At the same time the second thief got on the rear platform of the car, drew a revolver and pointed it at the head of Deputy Sheriff Tempke. The officer saw the movement and struck the robber a blow in the face, staggering him. Conductor Hiram Savage followed up the advantage thus gained by shoving the man off the platform.

Tempke ran after the robbers, but both escaped.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

Charged With Operating Illicit Still in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Charged with operating a distillery in the center of the fashionable shopping district of Chicago contrary to government regulations, five officers and instructors of the Columbus laboratories were arrested by United States deputy marshals. One of the five prisoners was United States Commissioner Solomon.

The laboratories are located in a skyscraper office building in State street at the corner of Washington. The arrests were made on complaint of a United States revenue agent, the technical charge being "displaying the sign of a distiller and making a mash fit for distillation in a place other than a duly authorized distillery."

Those arrested were: Charles Norton, practical distiller and rectifier; J. Wessner, Ph. C., M. D., chemist; A. Gehrmann, M. D., bacteriologist; W. A. Evans, M. S., M. D.; A. D. Solomon, United States commissioner Northern district, lecturer in the laboratories.

China Confiscates Chingwantao.

Tientsin, China, Dec. 23.—The viceroy has ordered the customs tatal to take over the part of Chingwantao at once from the officers of the mining company which purchased the Kalping mines from Chang Yi, the director of northern railroads, who was degraded recently for having sold the mines in 1900 and who was given two months' grace during which he is expected to again bring the mines under Chinese control. The viceroy's order says that although merchants invested capital in the mining company it was founded by the government and managed by Chinese officials and therefore is the property of the government.

Scandinavians Leave For Christmas.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 23.—The Scandinavian-American line steamer United States, from New York Dec. 19, has arrived here with 850 Scandinavians from the United States on board. They are to spend Christmas with relatives. The influx of Christmas excursionists from the United States is unprecedented, many of them arriving by way of English and German ports. Much of the money they saved in America will be distributed in Christmas presents to relatives and friends of the returning Scandinavians.

Steel Plants Resume Work.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—The W. Deeweis Wood Sheet mills of the American Steel Steel company at McKeesport have resumed work in all departments. For several weeks but three of the seventeen sheet mills have been working. A part of the Boston Iron and Steel mill department of the National Tube Works company also resumed work, after a shutdown of six weeks. At Glassport the eight-inch department of the Pittsburg Steel Hoop company resumed operations, after a suspension of two months.

Left Sixty-four Descendants.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Sixty-four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are living to mourn for Mrs. Antonia Hulce, who is dead here, aged eighty-three years. With her husband, Joseph, Mrs. Hulce came to this country from Bohemia in 1809 and settled in Baltimore, where the family resided until 1872. Mrs. Hulce is survived by eight daughters, who have thirty-seven children and nineteen grandchildren.

New Contract For Leather Straps.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The postmaster general has awarded the contract for leather straps for letter carriers' bundles to Hendley & Farmer of Newark, N. J., the prices for the three sizes used being 4, 5 and 6 cents each, or about one-third, it is stated at the post office department, the amount paid for the straps by A. W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery system.

Topeka Sails For Colon.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—The United States cruiser Topeka has sailed for Colon via Key West.

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ENGLAND INTERVENED

Lansdowne's Influence Exerted to Prevent War In the East.

DELOASSE COUNSELS PEACE

Japan's Moderate Reply to Russia's Second Proposition Partly Due to Advice From London and Paris.

London, Dec. 23.—Confirmation has been obtained from official sources of the reports that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Foreign Minister Delcasse have within the last few days made strong representations at Tokyo with the view of averting a crisis between Russia and Japan.

There is reason to believe that these representations, coming at the critical moment when Japan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron de Rosen, exercised a powerful restraining influence. This is especially true of Lord Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain being an ally of Japan.

The terms of the Japanese answer are not yet known here, but owing to the action taken by Great Britain and France the officials here are confident that her answer permits of a continuance of the diplomatic negotiations toward securing common grounds for an agreement.

Business on the Stock Exchange was depressed, and there was no prospect of any real improvement for the present. The tension caused by the far eastern outlook abated a little through the latest news being regarded as rather more favorable. Japanese and Russian bonds were particularly sensitive, but closed with a slightly better tone.

Japan Docking Her Ships.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent, the government has given notice that it will require all the drydocks in the country for the use of the Japanese fleet, the vessels of which are already beginning to dock for cleaning.

The correspondents say that the Russians have begun the building of a rampart around Port Arthur, to include the new town, and that the old rampart is to be demolished.

The Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent says that the British cruiser Sirius, which should have wintered there, has been ordered to proceed to Weihaiwei, where it is expected a naval concentration will take place.

The British armored cruiser King Alfred has been commissioned at Portsmouth for the China station, to which she will take relief crews for the battleship Glory and other vessels.

The Japanese legation has communicated the news of Japan's reply to Russia to the British foreign office. A legation official characterized the situation as "quite grave," but as one from which no decisive development could be expected immediately.

SHIPS WITHDRAWN.

Russian Fleet Leaves Chemulpo, Korea, For Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Of the Russian warships recently at Chemulpo, Korea, in connection with the disturbance there only the cruiser Boyarin remains. All the other vessels have returned to Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Stark, commanding the Russian Pacific squadron while the warships were at Chemulpo, had an audience with the emperor of Korea.

According to the Port Arthur Novykrat, some of the Chinese militia fought in the ranks of the Chinese robber bands in the recent encounter with Russians. The paper contends that Russia is compelled to take active steps to rid Manchuria of these bandits because China has not fulfilled her treaty engagements.

Heavy Weather on Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Belgravia, from Hamburg and Boulogne, reports severe westerly gales, with snow and hail squalls and heavy seas, throughout the voyage. The weather was severely cold, and on Dec. 21 the vessel rolled so violently that several passengers were injured, one sustaining a broken arm. One death occurred, that of a five-year-old child.

Coghlan Wants a Collier.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Coghlan has cabled the navy department, requesting that an additional collier be assigned to his squadron. His request will be granted, but a vessel has not yet been selected.

Barre Opera House, Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26.

Julian Daoust and Araxim Company in Four Great Plays.

SPECIAL.—Julian Daoust is without exception, the greatest French actor now in America. He has received flattering offers from William A. Brady to appear under his management in New York City in the production of "The Triumph of the Cross" and "The Passion Play." Prices, 25c, 50c, and 75c. Season tickets, \$1.50 and \$2.50. Tickets on sale at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

Una Novita all'Opera House di Barre.

Tutti gli Amatori del teatro avranno, nelle sere del 23, 24, 25, 26 Dicembre, l'occasione di assistere a quattro rappresentazioni di drammi passionali e di commedie brillanti che verranno dati dalla celebre compagnia drammatica diretta dall'eminente artista Julian Daoust. Le rappresentazioni verranno date in francese, e gli italiani che quasi tutti conoscono la lingua francese saranno lieti di udire i drammi più in voga, prodotti da una compagnia di prim'ordine. Mercoledì 23 Dicembre prima rappresentazione col "Trionfo della Croce" uno dei drammi che ha fatto furor in tutte le città degli Stati Uniti. Le prezzi sono 25c, 50c, 75c e 1.00. Le biglietti per tutte le quattro rappresentazioni costano \$1.50 e \$2.50. Le biglietti si vendono alla Red Cross Pharmacy o per le quattro sere presso Jos. Ossola, Hotel Milano.

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BURIED IN RUINS.

Bodies of Brave New York Firemen Beyond Immediate Rescue.

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The firemen were willing to take any chances to rescue the bodies of the dead, but their superiors forbade them to make any attempt and at one time had to order them to desist. Two of the walls of the ruined building were still standing and threatened to fall on any one who attempted a search.

Roll call among the fire fighters showed that only Coleman and Joyce were missing. More than a score of firemen had been cut, scratched or scorched, but they made light of their injuries.

Floating the Finland.

Antwerp, Belgium, Dec. 23.—The passengers of the Red Star line steamer Finland, which left Antwerp Saturday for New York and went ashore near Flushing, Holland, were brought here on board two tugs, which subsequently returned to assist in refloating the Finland. Nine tugs are now on the spot. The Finland is resting easily and up to the present has not sustained any great damage.

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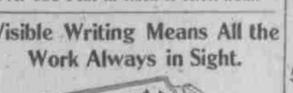
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