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## SEWARD'S FAILURE

### Some Ancient History About Civil Service Reform.

### AN EXPERIMENT WITH THE CONSULS

In which the War Secretary was Promptly "Turned Down" by the Statesmen in the House—Curtis Makes Some Observations in England—View of the Waller Case That Puts France in a Still Worse Position.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The plan for extending the civil service to United States consuls in order to stop the scramble for consular offices will, in the opinion of many, come to naught. They base their opinion on the fact that Secretary Seward tried to bring about this reform, and after a struggle of many months finally abandoned it as impracticable. The state department people appear to have forgotten the experience of Seward, and a number of them who were asked about it expressed surprise to hear that about this experiment had been made. When Seward took hold of the state department at the outset of the Lincoln administration there was the same scramble for office that exists today. It was particularly harassing to a man of Seward's breadth and character, for he wished to give his best energies toward the great war questions then impending.

Thought the Old System Wrong. He was satisfied that the old consular system by which consulships were passed around to the politicians was altogether wrong. He devised a plan, therefore, by which a trained force of consular officers should be put in charge of the work and should hold their places without reference to the shifts of politicians. It was necessary, however, to get the consent of congress in order that some assurance might be given that the new officers would have permanent tenure. The change of law was accordingly made at the request of Seward, and under it he began his permanent civil service system of consuls.

To begin with Seward appointed twelve "consular students." The purpose was to take bright young men and send them to the large capitals abroad, where they might learn the details of consular work, and once being instructed they would be in line for promotion in a permanent consular system. Seward had no difficulty in picking out the twelve bright young men, and they were dispatched to London, Paris, St. Petersburg and other points at salaries of \$1,000 each. It was not considered advisable to make any general shift in the consular service till the results of his first experiment with the students had been tried. The students did very well at their foreign posts and soon became proficient in consular duties.

And How the Scheme Failed. They were advanced from one minor post to another and were gradually worked into consular service. But as soon as the change in administration came there was a demand for places held by these young men. Pressure was brought to bear on congress, and as a result the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill contained an item doing away with consular students and with any tenure of office in the consular service. It is a matter of record that not one of the twelve "students" created by Seward is in the consular or diplomatic service. One after the other went down before political influence and the scramble for office. And yet they were the only trained consuls that this country ever sent abroad.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis has just returned from London, where he went to deliver some words to the Rothschilds. Speaking of the political upheaval in England he said: "A point which struck me very forcibly was that the change of the government made no change in the daily business of the departments, and though I was in the treasury the morning after the announcement of the new ministry taking office there was no attendant line of office seekers, and the heads of the bureaus and divisions had no anxiety as to any prospective decapitation. In fact I was told by a member of the new government that the total patronage, including of course the highest offices, only amounted to about sixty places."

### ANOTHER VIEW OF WALLER'S CASE.

Based on the Fact That There is No Actual War in Madagascar. WASHINGTON, July 24.—Mr. Crammond Kennedy, who has become the principal counsel in the case of ex-Counsel Waller, now serving a sentence in a French jail for violation of the neutrality laws between this country and France, called at the state department for the purpose of presenting certain phases of the case. Kennedy is disposed to lay much stress on the fact that at the time of Waller's arrest there was no actual state of war between France and Madagascar. He contends that Waller, for this reason, could not have been guilty of the charge on which he was tried and convicted.

In conversation with a representative of the Associated Press, he said this phase of the case had not yet been presented by this government, and as soon as Mr. Olney should return he would present the matter to him in this light. Outlining the case in this view of it, he said: "If France was not at war, under the law of nations, with Madagascar, she had no right to subject any citizen or subject of a third power to trial by military commission."

"Such a trial, involving either personal liberty or rights of property, is the gravest kind of a violation of civil rights and liberties appertaining to citizenship. In Waller's case there had been no declaration of war by France against Madagascar. The refusal of the French government up to this time to furnish the government of the United States with the official record of Waller's trial by court martial raises a very strong presumption that the grounds on which he was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor were not of a substantial kind."

National Report of the Crops. WASHINGTON, July 24.—The weather

bureau in its report of crop conditions for the week ended July 23d, says: Drought has been broken in Wisconsin and partly relieved in portions of Michigan, but continues in western Ohio. Portions of New York, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and eastern Oregon are also suffering for rain. Corn has made rapid growth in Illinois and Kansas, and is reported as improved in Michigan, Wisconsin and South Dakota. The crop is doing well in Missouri and Arkansas, and is in promising condition in the middle Atlantic and New England states. In the southern states the corn crop is now practically laid by in excellent condition.

Classified Service Extended. WASHINGTON, July 24.—The president has issued an order extending the classified civil service to 125 offices heretofore excepted in the United States geological survey. This rule places practically the entire force of the survey under the civil service rules.

### THE TROUBLE AT JACKSON'S HOLE.

Affairs Are in a Serious State, But No Massacre of Whites Has Occurred. CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 24.—Governor Richards has received a message from Adjutant General Stitzer, who is in the Jackson's Hole region investigating the Indian trouble, indicating that a serious state of affairs exists there. The settlers have abandoned their crops and are moving their families out of the country. Indians from Fort Hall and other reservations are reported going into the country and all the mountain passes are in their control. Definite information is awaited by the state authorities as to the success of the Indian police in inducing hostiles to return to their reservations before sending state troops to the scene of the trouble.

MARKET LAKE, Ind., July 24.—Captain Leeters, Indian agent at Fort Hall, Ind., reservation came in from the Jackson's Hole country and reports everything quiet and few if any Indians in the country. Captain Leeters was followed by a courier from the settlers with a dispatch to Governor Richards. The courier reports the Indians joined by a large number of Lempi and Ute Indians, and that they have every pass in Jackson's Hole and the settlers have brought their women and children to Ward, and intend to go Indian hunting and not wait for the redskins to attack them.

### MORE ABOUT SWINDLER HOLMES.

He Accuses a Chicago Man of the Murder of Howard Pitzel. CHICAGO, July 24.—Mrs. Carrie Pitzel has made the direct statement that Holmes has accused Pat Quinlan, the present janitor of Holmes' castle, of the murder of her son Howard. Quinlan is under surveillance. He has made many contradictory statements in regard to the Holmes case lately.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—H. H. Holmes, who is in the Moyamensing prison, is fast breaking down under the great strain occasioned by the charges that have been brought against him and the thought of a noose hanging over his head. His nerve has completely left him, and the ruddy color in his cheeks has been succeeded by a ghastly pallor. The discovery of the bodies of the Pitzel children and the knowledge that the keenest detectives in the country are still prosecuting the search for the remains of Howard Pitzel, and that the Chicago police are leaving no stone unturned to clear up the mystery regarding the disappearance of the Williams sisters, have had a wonderful effect upon the mind of Holmes, and it will not be surprising if he makes a confession.

Iowa Weather Good for Crops. DES MOINES, July 24.—The state weather-bureau bulletin says: The temperature of the past week was about the seasonal average. For a midsummer week the rainfall was phenomenally heavy, the measurements reported from more than two-thirds of the state ranging from two to five inches. Some of the heaviest showers fell in the districts that had suffered most severely from drought, and there is now only a very small area that has not received ample moisture for present needs. On the whole the benefits have been immeasurable and the aggregate of loss relatively small.

McAfee's Murderer Captured. LINCOLN, Ill., July 24.—Mystery surrounding the murder of McAfee has been solved. A tramp caught in a corn field Monday evening and forced to surrender at the point of a shot gun has weakened and admitted being in the vicinity of the murder. Neighbors of the murdered farmer have identified him as the stranger lurking in the vicinity Friday and Saturday. The culprit gives the name of Charles King and hails from Kingsford, Tenn. The deed was committed in revenge for McAfee refusing him food.

New Home Forum Order. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 24.—The new Supreme Court of Honor, organized by seceders from the Home Forum order, met in this city, thirty-six local courts being represented. It was decided to do a business in Iowa, in Illinois outside of Chicago, and in Missouri. Constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Supreme chancellor, A. L. Hereford, Mattoon; supreme recorder, W. H. H. Hanesley, Carlinville.

Kills His Brother and Commits Suicide. MANCHESTER, Ia., July 24.—A shocking double tragedy occurred near here. Gibson Roland, a well known young farmer, shot and instantly killed his brother Henry, also a farmer. Gibson then shot himself, dying in a few minutes. The murderer is believed to have been temporarily insane, as no other motive can be assigned for the crime.

Rowing Races at Mason City. MASON CITY, Ia., July 24.—The eleventh annual regatta of the Iowa State Amateur Rowing association opened with contesting crews from Sioux City, Dubuque, Ottumwa and Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids won the junior doubles, Sioux City the junior singles, and Dubuque the junior fours.

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## FOREIGN ADVICES.

### Some Characteristic News Relating to Salvador.

### AMBITION GETS A MAN IN TROUBLE.

Whose Friends Will Probably Ask Uncle Sam to Interfere and Prevent Him Being Shot Without Trial—Ezeta's Design on the Country—England Grabs an Island and Brazil Is Hot—Latest News from the Cuban War.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Captain Raphael de Moro, of Berkeley, has just received a copy of El Diario Buena Publico of San Salvador, which gives an account of a thwarted insurrection against President Guittierrez, led by Thomas Regalado, a former student at the University of California. The paper states that Regalado, with a number of others, is to be shot. Regalado was graduated several years ago from the Berkeley gymnasium. The military instruction he received enabled him to secure a commission in the Salvadoran army. He rose rapidly until President Guittierrez made him his confidential adviser and aid.

Developed a "Vaulting Ambition." Then, according to the account which Captain Moro translates from the Buena Publico, Regalado became ambitious to control the government and plotted an insurrection against Guittierrez. The president was informed as to the conspiracy, and before the insurgents could mature their plans they were arrested and thrown into prison. Pablo Areno, Thomas Regalado, and Manuel Rivas, the leaders, are to be shot, the paper states, without trial. An appeal will be made to Consul Lemus, the Salvador representative in San Francisco, to intercede in Regalado's behalf. The telegraphic advices from San Salvador announcing the discovery by the authorities of a plot to murder President Guittierrez and Foreign Minister Castellanos, are discredited.

Exile Ezeta Makes Some Remarks. General Ezeta, the exiled president, says the ruler of the republic and the public will be deprived of his powers in a more heroic manner. "It is stated that an Italian cook has been arrested and has confessed that he has been offered a large sum of money by me to poison the president and foreign minister. I don't believe the Italian master of any such confession. It is an excuse to get some money out of the way. When Guittierrez wants to get rid of an enemy he adopts such measures that he may carry out his plan with impunity. If he did not find some good excuse the public would rise up and return to the fatherland and overthrow the government, but says that instead of sailing from a Pacific port, as he had intended to do, he will sail from some point on the Atlantic coast.

Is Going to Raise a Row Himself. General Ezeta repeats the assertion that he will lead a ship with munitions of war and return to Salvador and overthrow the government, but says that instead of sailing from a Pacific port, as he had intended to do, he will sail from some point on the Atlantic coast.

### FURTHER NEWS FROM CUBA.

Spanish Advice Regarding the Progress of the Insurrection. HAVANA, July 23.—A band of insurgents attacked the fort at Songo, province of Santiago de Cuba, but the garrison, after an hour's firing, compelled the enemy to retire with their dead and wounded. From private advices it is learned that the insurgents, Major Borrera and Captain Benilla, were seriously wounded in the engagement. Colonel Izquierdo has dispersed at Asiento Viejo and Zapey, the insurgent bands commanded by Zayas. The insurgents left two dead and one wounded on the field, and the troops captured several horses. Izquierdo is continuing the pursuit of the bands. The latter are making their way towards Puerto Principe.

A combined force of regular troops and volunteers has routed and dispersed the insurgent band commanded by Comte, the insurgent Brigadier Suarez and Barzan, in the immediate neighborhood of Camajuani. The insurgents lost four killed and three wounded. A detachment of volunteers has dispersed a band of ten insurgents, killing one of them, at Sabana, in the Sagua district. The insurgent leader Alvarez, in the same district, captured three volunteers on July 20. Captain General Martinez de Campos is at Bayamo. It is rumored that the insurgents will retire at the approach of his troops.

London, July 24.—The Times' dispatch from Havana outlining the situation of affairs there says: "At every turn Gomez has out-generated Campos. Gomez has raised the revolt all over the whole island, thus forcing Campos to scatter his soldiers over a wide area. If Spain wishes to quell the rebellion she must prepare for a long occupation of the island by a large force."

### ENGLAND ON THE GRAB AGAIN.

Brazilians Want the Monroe Doctrine Applied in this Case. BUENOS AYRES, July 24.—A correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that advices to the English legation there declare that England claims the island of Trinidad as her own. One cargo of coal, it is reported, has been landed on the island already. In view of this it was decided by Brazil's cabinet to formally protest, and a message to that effect was at once sent to Brazil's minister in London. Fiery articles have appeared in the Brazilian newspapers denouncing England for her appropriation of territory belonging to Brazil as that country alleges. The correspondent says that these articles ask particularly where the Monroe doctrine applies now. They desire to see it used as a political method in settling this question.

Asks for Warships. COLOM, July 24.—In view of the report that Ecuador is threatening to invade Colombia the garrison of Panama is being reinforced. It is added that the United States consul has telegraphed to Washington asking that a United States warship be sent to protect American interests. The strike of the wharf laborers, ship laborers, and spitmen continues.

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### ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Baby Marian Cleveland is spoken of as the distinguished person who will touch the button and set the Atlanta exposition in motion.

Death duties in England are leading people to dispose of their property so as to avoid taxation.

Mile. Louise Imperiali, daughter of the Marquis Imperiali, who was long charge d'affaires of Italy at Washington, was married at Brussels recently to Count de Liederkerke.

Railroad men estimate tourist travel this year at 30 per cent above last year.

P. C. Brooks, an American steamship company clerk at Livingston, Guatemala, was murdered and his vault robbed.

Chicago's new Democratic daily, The Chronicle, has entered into a ninety year contract with the Associated Press.

The Illinois firemen's tournament, opened at Decatur with a parade with light bands and twenty-five companies from all parts of the state, with local organizations in line. It was the finest parade ever made at a state tournament.

It is officially announced that the union carpenters of Boston will demand on and after September 1, eight hours as a limit of a day's work, and an increase of five cents an hour in wage rates. The present rate is thirty cents an hour.

The British schooner Eagle collided with the Norwegian steamer Terrier, off Demerara, and the Eagle was sunk, drowning two women, two men and one child, all passengers. Twenty-four passengers were saved.

Tampiers is besieged with rebellious Bodoum troops.

Four autograph pieces of music by Mozart were sold for \$215 in London recently; Beethoven's autograph, "Three Songs of Goethe," 1810, for \$180; a quartette by Schuber for \$22, the price also paid for two polonaises by Chopin.

State Auditor Gore says that the regular session of the Illinois legislature cost the people \$274,372.

Dr. Samuel L. Butler, a prominent dentist of Louisville, committed suicide while on a spree. He was very wealthy.

Residents of Eldy street, Indianapolis, are excited on account of many fires of incendiary origin.

Russia and Greece have fixed up a treaty, the effect of which will drive American petroleum out of Greece.

Macedonia rebels have been repulsed in Salonica and are now in the Malch mountains.

Still Howling About the school law.

BRUSSELS, July 24.—The king presented a set of colors to the civic guard and large crowds of people gathered to witness the ceremony. When the colors had been presented and the king was starting for the palace his majesty was assailed with cries of "Down with the school law."

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