

COMMISSIONER WARE MAKES GENERAL DENIAL

Inability to Work the Cause of Changes

SALARY NOT IN QUESTION

Statement That Pay of Old Clerks Is Given to Younger Ones Not True in Any Case.

Eugene F. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, today denied the statement that he has reduced in position and salary seventeen aged clerks employed in the Pension Office to make room for younger and more active clerks.

There is nothing new or extraordinary, Mr. Ware said, in replacing old clerks by younger ones in any of the Governmental departments, in this city or elsewhere.

Age Cuts No Figure.

There is certain work to be done by every employe of the Pension Office, Mr. Ware said, and if the incumbent in any particular position is not able on account of age or some other cause to perform it, some one who is able and competent will be given the work to do.

In this connection, Mr. Ware said that in no instance, however, was the salary of any employe, old or young, reduced in order that the wages of some other employe might be increased.

In his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the aged clerks in his department, Mr. Ware said: "I have in my bureau many worthy employes who have served their country, and who are suffering from the disability both of war and age. It will be only a very short time before there will be in my bureau 500 persons who will be practically incapacitated for the intricate and difficult duties devolving upon them in the adjudication of pension claims."

"Congress should make some arrangement by which these men can be retired from duty. They must be taken care of. To discharge them in large numbers as soon as they have become unserviceable, which will be very soon, would cause very great pain and suffering."

FIRE VISITS TOWN OF CENTERVILLE, MD.

Many Buildings Wiped Out, Including the Queen Ann's National Bank.

CENTERVILLE, Md., Dec. 15.—The loss from the fire which swept this city early yesterday morning will probably reach \$150,000. The estimated insurance is \$80,000.

The fire started in W. H. Smith's dry goods store from an unknown cause. The flames spread so rapidly the local fire department was powerless. Two engine companies arrived on a special train from Wilmington, Del., and lent aid.

Among the buildings burned were the following: Queen Ann's National Bank (contents of vault intact); store and dwelling of Samuel C. Allen, undertaking establishment of Wright & Eldred, and Joseph G. Dawson, William H. Smith's clothing and furnishing store, dry goods stores of Alfred Green and J. S. Morris, drug stores of Tucker & Holland and E. M. Foreman, the Perkins block, occupied as stores and dentists' and doctors' offices, A. M. Keating's meat market, McConner & Sons paint store, and several dwellings.

WHITNEY SAYS "ME TOO" TO VANDERBILT WHIM

Rivalry of the New York Millionaires as to Indulgence in Long Island and Luxuries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Whitney and Vanderbilt families are trying to outdo each other in the matter of a country station near Great Neck, L. I. Ever since W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. bought, through agents, the land about Success Lake, Payne Whitney has been active in efforts to buy up all the farm land that was at all picturesque. The rivalry between these two families has reached a point where it is believed that each will have its own private railroad station on the Long Island railroad.

Work on the Vanderbilt station will begin at once. The station was decided upon by Mr. Vanderbilt after his wife had to go through a disagreeable experience at the Great Neck station a few days ago. It was raining and Mrs. Vanderbilt, having a few minutes to wait for a train, went inside the station. While she was in the place a drunken man conducted himself so riotously that she was forced to go out in the rain. The Vanderbilt station will be a brick building of medium size, and will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity.

Since it became known that the Vanderbilts were to have a private station it is reported that the Whitney family will seek the same privilege, and that the family of former Mayor William R. Grace will also erect a private station.

MINERS' CONVENTIONS PROVEN, SAYS DARROW

Bad Conditions and Inadequacy of Wages Shown.

WILL CONCLUDE TOMORROW

Attorney for Mine Workers Says That Union Is Necessary for Their Protection.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Attorney Darrow, of the mine workers, said this morning that he will conclude his case tomorrow. "About 125 witnesses have been heard," he said, "and practically all the miners' points have been proved. The testimony, together with the personal investigation of the commission, has given a picture of the life of the mine workers in the anthracite regions which it is impossible to forget, and which shows the condition of working and living better than it could be shown in any other way."

"In addition, all the companies have made schedules of what they claim was paid in wages. From the schedules we do not see how any reasonable person can doubt that the wages are much too low, especially when the additional cost of living is considered."

Eight-Hour Day.

Of the claim for an eight-hour work day, Mr. Darrow said:

"The companies themselves claim that the mine workers do not average eight hours a day, and if this is true, we do not see why the present day should not be shortened. The evidence certainly shows that eight hours is sufficient for any man to work in and about the mines."

"What of the possibilities of recognition of the union?" he was asked.

Organization Necessary.

"Well," he said, "we think that we have shown an organization is necessary for the protection of the mine workers. Everyone concedes that the strike of 1901 was brought about and carried to a successful conclusion by the mine workers' organization, and it resulted in a 10 per cent increase. This, of itself, is a justification of the union."

"But do the operators think so?" Mr. Darrow hesitated.

"I do not know. I do not think the best informed employers wish for the destruction of the union," he said. "This they cannot accomplish under any circumstances, and as long as they cannot destroy it, they should treat with it."

"This hearing has shown conclusively that practically all the miners belong to the union and that when the union is treated with all the miners are represented."

Attorney Wolverton, of the Philadelphia and Reading, will make the joint opening address for the operators as soon as the miners conclude their case.

Mill Girls at Confession.

A dozen little mill girls who worked all night were Darrow's guests at breakfast at the Hotel Jermyn this morning. Preparatory to going on the witness stand the little girls, Irish and Polish, had gone to confession.

The mine workers will attempt to show by these girls, who are from eleven to fourteen years of age, that their fathers are so poorly paid that it is necessary to take these girls out of school and make them work at a tender age in order to aid in supplying the families with food.

When the commission opened this morning Judge Gray said that there had been prepared a blank form indicating the information wanted by the commission. Instead of having it distributed through several thousand pages of the testimony Judge Gray said it would be much more convenient to have the information in the form desired, and he asked that the companies arrange it quickly. He also again requested the operators to use diligence in presenting the wage tables.

Next Session in Philadelphia.

It was suggested when the commission adjourned next Saturday that the next session be held in Philadelphia. Most of the operators approve the plan, saying it will be more convenient for them to present evidence there than here.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE

Great Slaughter of Game in Forests of Maine during the Hunting Season.

BANGOR, Dec. 15.—Five thousand deer, 200 moose, and a great many bears, wolves, foxes, and other animals have been killed in northern Maine in the hunting season that ended last week. All previous records have been broken, the number of deer killed having been 1,000 in excess of last year's.

These figures represent only the game shipped by rail and registered at Bangor. In the entire State probably 7,500 deer have been shipped, and twice that number killed, many having been eaten in camps or transported by various conveyances other than rail. By some estimates the number of slain deer is nearer the actual figures. By far the greater number of deer and moose fell before the rifles of visiting hunters, of whom more than 8,000 came into the State this season. All non-resident hunters are required by law to employ a registered guide, whose pay is \$2 a day. In this way, and in the payment of hotel, camp, and railroad fares, it is estimated that the visitors have spent about \$1,000,000.

Twenty-one serious shooting accidents have been recorded in the Maine woods this season. Nine of the mishaps were fatal. Three resulted from men being mistaken for deer, and one of the victims was a registered guide.

BISHOP OF BUFFALO FOR CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE

The Rev J E Quigley Nominated by Propaganda.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The college of the propaganda today nominated Bishop James E. Quigley, of Buffalo, for Archbishop of Chicago.

A great concourse of clergy was present today at the meeting of the propaganda. Today was the day set for the election of an Archbishop of Chicago, and a bishop coadjutor of Pittsburgh. Owing to the number of candidates placed in the field for the Chicago post great interest centered in the present meeting.

Cardinal Getti, prefect of the propaganda, is presiding at the meeting. It is not expected that the elections will be completed until late today.

Bishop Quigley was consecrated as Bishop of Buffalo in 1897. He was born at Oshawa, Canada, October 5, 1854, and moved with his parents to Lima, N. Y., in 1856.

He had a liberal education, first attending St. Joseph's College, then studied at the Seminary of Our Lady of the Angels, now Niagara University. He then went abroad, graduating from the University at Innsbruck, Austrian Tyrol. His education was completed in Rome.

Bishop Quigley was ordained a priest in 1878. He was pastor of St. Vincent's Church at Attica, N. Y., from 1879 till 1884 and then went to Buffalo to take the pastorate of St. Joseph's Cathedral. He remained here until 1897, when he was made Bishop of Buffalo.

Bishop Quigley's nomination for Archbishop of Chicago will come as a surprise to all circles. His name has not heretofore been mentioned, except in a passing way, as a candidate for the place.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria, Ill., has been the most prominent candidate for the place. It was expected he would obtain the nomination.

The Propaganda nominated Rev. J. F. Regis Canavin, of Pittsburgh, bishop coadjutor of that diocese.

BRITAIN ARRAIGNED FOR THE KAFFIR ALLIANCE

Former President of Orange Free State Charges Unfair Conduct of Boer War.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Unfair tactics in the Boer war were charged against the British in an address made before the Henry George Association at Handel Hall yesterday afternoon by F. W. Rietz, former president of the Orange Free State and former secretary of state for the Transvaal, and at one time judge of the supreme court.

He accused the English of employing the Kaffirs to aid in the warfare against the Boers. The killing of women and children and the burning and destruction of property he charged to the natives of the jungle, whom, he said, "the British government had made its allies."

He deplored the terms that the Boers had accepted from the English government and said that it was done as a protection to the women and children of the land. The latter, he said, would have been exterminated if the war had continued.

In closing his address the former President and exile from his home made a pathetic appeal for restoration of his country and his property.

"I have been often asked, 'Why did we make war?' and 'Why did we make peace?'" said Mr. Rietz. "We made war because we were forced into it, and we made peace for a like reason. In both cases it was against our will and we did so because we were forced to do so."

To the discovery of the gold mines, the influx of population, and the "gold capitalists" he laid the downfall of the country.

MARSEILLES STRIKERS STILL REMAIN QUIET

No Serious Disturbance of Order Has Occurred.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Although the strike at Marseilles has now lasted for three weeks, no serious disturbance of order has yet occurred. The nearest approach to rioting was the disorder of Friday, when the strikers attempted to destroy the track in front of a car loaded with coal, several persons being wounded.

Saturday night a few isolated groups of strikers attempted to wreck some bakeries, but the prompt arrival of the police quickly restored order. Four arrests were made.

The strike of the bakers is far from general, only 400 bakers out of 2,000 having refused to work. All telegrams received from Marseilles report the city to be tranquil. Contrary to the usual Sunday custom, there was much activity on the quays and docks, which non-union laborers are working under military protection.

The Marseilles correspondent of the "Temps" says in a dispatch that the general strike movement is regarded locally as a failure.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS FROM HALLS OF CONGRESS

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire called at the White House this morning to present a constituent. The Senator takes an optimistic view of the Venezuelan situation and does not expect to see this country involved very greatly with foreign nations on account of the little republic's debts.

Representative Cannon of Illinois had a short confidential chat with the President and introduced a constituent, General Bingham of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House," was a caller, as were Representatives McKee of Arkansas and Knapp of New York.

KNOWS NOTHING OF TROUBLE IN WYOMING

Secretary Hitchcock's Statement Regarding Range War.

"I have received no information of any trouble in Wyoming," said Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock this morning, when asked by a representative of The Times as to the reported range war now in progress.

"Col. John S. Mosby has not been recalled from Nebraska, and there is no intention at this time to do so. He has been assisting the prosecuting attorneys in working up cases against violators, and the work has been going along nicely," he continued. "When we are apprised of a range war it will be time to act, and not before then."

Dispatches sent out from Omaha, Neb., reported a bloody war going on among cattle rangers, and indicated the loss of many lives as the result. There has been a difference between the larger interests of cattle raisers and the smaller ones and some trouble resulted. Many persons have seized lands which belong to the Government until homesteaded, and these are being prosecuted.

Colonel Mosby has been in Nebraska aiding in the prosecution of the fence violators in that section. He is still there and will remain in that State until the cases are tried. The range war of Wyoming is another phase of the fence dispute.

WOMAN MASQUERADED AS A MAN TEN YEARS

Recently Deserted by Her Supposed Wife.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—But for a fall yesterday on an icy sidewalk Harry Norman, like the late Murray Hall, might have preserved the secret of her sex until death. The woman had been masquerading as a man since she was eight years old, a period of ten years. She gave the name Harry Norman at the Emergency Hospital.

When the doctors put her on the operating table to set a broken leg, she confessed her sex, but could give no other name. She said she was born in England but did not know her parents' name, and has been living as a man in order to earn a man's wages.

The woman has been working for some time as a waiter in a quick-lunch room on Seneca Street. She was transferred to the Sisters' Hospital until her broken leg knits together.

Like Murray Hall, Harry Norman was supposed to be married, but the pretended wife left her a short time ago.

SENT OLD CLOTHES AND THE BILL TO THE BISHOP

Swedish Preacher Inclined to Be Frankish With Clergymen.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—Ludwig Nelson, twenty-six years old, a Swedish preacher and physician, was arrested at Mercy Hospital last night. It is said by the police that he robbed a patient there of \$120, and swindled a clothier in Butler Street out of \$50 worth of clothes.

The strangest part of Nelson's career in the nature of a joke upon the Right Rev. Bishop Phelan, who is at the head of the Catholic diocese here.

The Swede went to a clothier and bought an entire new outfit. He donated these clothes and had his old suit sent to the residence of the bishop, with the bill for his new clothes. On the same afternoon he bought a pair of shoes, and caused his old shoes, with the bill, to be sent to Bishop Phelan's residence.

Nelson's countryman says he is a graduate clergyman in Sweden and is an able man in his profession.

TWO YOUNG DIPLOMATS GREETED BY PRESIDENT

Two typical representatives of the younger diplomats in the Government service paid their respects to the President this morning. Both are in this country on leave of absence.

Senator Cullom introduced Huntington Wilson, secretary of the United States legation to Japan. Had he been at his foreign post when Minister Buck died, he would have become charge d'affaires ad interim. Feeling this responsibility, Mr. Wilson came to inform the President of his readiness to return immediately should the State Department so desire. As there are no diplomatic complications now existing or likely to occur in the relations of this country and the Mikado's empire, Mr. Wilson will probably remain here until the end of his leave.

Representative Hitt introduced his son, R. S. Reynolds Hitt, second secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin. Young Mr. Hitt's marriage to Miss Edith Gray, daughter of Judge John Clinton Gray, of New York, will take place in a few weeks, and the young couple will go abroad immediately to the German capital.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesaler, and all druggists.

TELLER DISCUSSES THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION

Thinks United States Should Prevent Oppression.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In discussing the Venezuelan situation at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado said:

"I think this Government ought to concern itself about the situation. I think the Monroe Doctrine ought to be extended to prevent the oppression of any of the South American nations by a foreign power and that we should not draw the line upon the acquisition of territory."

"Venezuela has had thirty-four revolutions within thirty-two years. What is needed in Venezuela is a man of the type of Diaz. I know there is an impression in this country that when Diaz dies there is likely to be trouble in Mexico which may call for our interference."

"I talked with President Diaz when in Mexico about a year ago, as to the conditions which were likely to ensue upon his death, and I was pleased when he told me that he thought he now had the people of Mexico so educated up to orderly government that his death would not make any difference in the condition of that country. There were a number of men in Mexico, he said, who could take up the reins of government and conduct the affairs of the state without serious friction."

Speaking about the prospects of legislation for Cuba at the coming session, Senator Teller said:

"The impression about the poverty of Cuba is an entirely erroneous one. Cuba is all right, and will work out her salvation without a doubt if she is let alone. It is not generally understood, but it is a fact that Cuba exports more in proportion to population than any other country in the world. She imports more in proportion to her population than the United States. She is not under the expense of maintaining an expensive army and navy to protect herself. We insure her protection from outside enemies. With such conditions, she should be enriched, rather than plighted. The per capita wealth there is greater than it is in the United States."

MRS. MOLINEUX WILL PUSH DIVORCE SUIT

Story That She Is Reconciled to Her Husband Denied.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 15.—Although Mrs. Roland B. Molineux refuses to say anything with reference to the story that she and her husband have become reconciled and that she will abandon her intentions to institute a suit for divorce, it is stated on good authority that the story is without foundation.

Those who are in a position to know declare that she has no intention of dropping her suit and returning to New York. She is living as quietly as ever at the hotel where she makes her home, and apparently has no desire to become intimate with any of the other women members of the divorce colony.

HUSBAND MAY BEAT WIFE, SAYS COURT

But Only Under Certain Circumstances and Provocation.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—The Minnesota supreme court in a decision Saturday held that under certain circumstances a man may strike his wife and be justified in his action.

The point was brought out in the appeal of Isadore S. Colahan, who sought to secure a divorce from Thomas E. Colahan. Mrs. Colahan brought suit in the district court of Waseon county for a divorce from her husband, alleging cruelty and habitual drunkenness. The lower court denied the plaintiff a decree of divorce, and she took an appeal to the supreme court. The latter court held that Colahan struck his wife because he had good reason to believe she was unfaithful.

"Under the circumstances," said the court, "Colahan was justified in his act." The case was dismissed.

LIVERPOOL TO BE SHIPPING COMBINE'S HEADQUARTERS

GLASGOW, Dec. 15.—Your correspondent learns authoritatively that the Atlantic Shipping Combine has fixed upon Liverpool as the center of its business, and not Southampton as was reported. The combine will await the decision as to the details of the new fast Cunard liners before it orders its new fast boats.

DIED.

ZELBERNAGEL.—On Sunday, December 14, 1902, at 7:30 a. m., WILLIAM S., beloved husband of Margaret Zelbernagel, aged forty-five years.

FUNERAL from his late residence, 110 Florida Avenue northwest, on Tuesday, December 16, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Services at St. Mary's Church at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Airy Cemetery. JAMES J. SPALLING, dec15-31

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RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA TO OPPOSE GERMAN TARIFF

Count Lamsdorff to Plan a European Boycott.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—It is announced today that Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, will leave St. Petersburg for Vienna immediately to arrange the Russo-Austrian measures against the new German tariff. He will also discuss the advisability of forcing reforms in Turkey to prevent Macedonian troubles in the spring.

A high Austrian official, speaking to your correspondent regarding Count Lamsdorff's visit, today said: "Lamsdorff's visit will prove of vast political importance. It will not only begin a European boycott against Germany, but may also be the death knell of the triple alliance for commercial antagonism, and probably destroy the political alliance."

"It is also considered possible that the visit of the Russian foreign minister heralds an attempt for Russo-Austrian control of Turkey, leading ultimately to the partition of that country."

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY BETTER.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been ill for some days, and whose recovery was practically despaired of last week, has had a slight change for the better. He has rallied somewhat during the past twenty-four hours.

M. CAMBON ARRIVES IN FRANCE.

HAVRE, Dec. 15.—M. Jules Cambon, the former French ambassador to the United States, arrived here today on the French line steamship La Champagne.

SEVERE GALE SWEEPS MASSACHUSETTS COAST

Beach at Chatham Washed Away by Heavy Seas.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 15.—The gale of wind and snow, lasting forty-eight hours, abated at sunset last night. So far as known there are no wrecks nor lives lost.

The beach at Chatham shore, which is a natural barrier for the town's protection, has received an awful washing, and for miles along the coast the sea is speeding over the ground which two days ago was firm land and high above the supposed danger mark.

The Chatham life-saving station, which formerly had 1,000 yards of beach as a frontage, is now sitting almost on the brink of the ocean. The Chatham Beach Hotel, which two years ago was moved back for protection, is again at the water's edge.

All of the clearing vessels, windbound off Bass River, lived safely through the gale, and it is thought the fleet will be able to get away today. The fleet has a carrying capacity of nearly 50,000 tons, and more than half of this is anthracite coal for Boston.

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