

POSTOFFICE SCANDALS

Mr. Payne Says a Thorough Investigation Will Be Made.

NOT TO ACT WITH UNDUE HASTE

No immediate Changes in Department Contemplated, and It May be Several Weeks Before Inspectors Complete Their Work.

Washington, April 14.—Postmaster General Payne gave out a statement in which he announced that the investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department will be continued and that any parties found guilty of wrongdoing will be dealt with summarily. The statement follows:

"During the months of January and February, information and reports reached me which I deemed it for the public interest to investigate, and I, personally, gathered such information and facts as would enable the proper officers of the department to undertake a thorough investigation as to the truth or falsity of these reports. I directed Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow to take the proper steps to institute the necessary inquiry, using for that purpose the postoffice inspectors' division and such other methods as would thoroughly ascertain the truth or falsity of the charges or insinuations made, and he was instructed to proceed promptly and with vigor during my absence. Since my return this morning I have not seen General Bristow, so that I am not advised of the progress made. The investigation will continue, and if any wrongdoing is disclosed, the parties guilty of such wrongdoing will be summarily dealt with. If the system or method of doing business in the department is faulty, the proper remedies will be applied without fear or favor. I inaugurated the investigation with the determination that it should be exhaustive. It is proper for me to add that I laid before the president the information which I had in my possession, and that he fully approved of the action proposed by me."

The whole administration of the postoffice department is made subject to the investigation under Postmaster General Payne's directions, and every charge will be pushed thoroughly and the inquiry made as thorough as the department's most expert inspectors can make it.

At the same time, Mr. Payne's purpose is to give fair and just treatment to all concerned, and not to act arbitrarily and with undue haste. For this reason it can be stated that no immediate changes of importance in the personnel of the service are now contemplated, and changes will depend largely on the report to be made by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow on the investigation, although circumstances may necessitate some deviation from this policy. It is learned that it may be several weeks or more before the postoffice inspectors will be able to complete their work. When they have finished, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow will prepare a comprehensive report on the whole subject. The report necessarily will embrace matters as to which publicity may not be warranted, so it is probable some parts of the report will be withheld from publication.

An Alleged Promotion Syndicate. New York, April 14.—No arrests have as yet been made as a result of the investigation said to be in progress of the charges that an alleged promotion syndicate had been operating to secure payment from employees of the New York postoffice for increase in salaries. Postmaster Van Cott said that he had heard nothing official from Washington as yet concerning the alleged postoffice scandals. He is still loath to believe that any such alleged syndicate could operate in the New York postoffice without his knowledge, and he cannot see by what agreement the men were induced to part with their money, if such were really the case.

ANOTHER SCANDAL PROBABLE

Exorbitant Charges made for Shipping Soldiers' Bodies from Cuba.

Toledo, April 11.—Congressman J. H. Southard, of this city, has started an investigation which may bring to light a scandal among United States officials at Havana, Cuba. The charge is that exorbitant charges are being made for the disinterment and shipment of the bodies of dead soldiers from Cuba, when it should be done free of cost, according to Mr. Southard.

Homer Pugh, who enlisted in the navy last August, died at Havana on April 2. His mother here was notified on April 7. Two days later she received a cablegram stating that the body would be exhumed, embalmed, and shipped to New York for \$225. The mother brought the matter to the attention of Congressman Southard, who has started an investigation. The dispatches received here are signed Springer.

Sea Captain Drowned.

Philadelphia, April 11.—Captain Morris Barnes, one of the oldest residents of Camden, and the best known sea captain of this port, fell overboard from the steamship Mary M. Githens in the lower Delaware and was drowned. He boarded the Mary M. Githens at Bower's Beach for the purpose of visiting his daughter, who resides in Camden, and whom he had not seen for nearly five months. While walking on deck he was afflicted with an attack of vertigo and pitched over the side of the steamer into the water.

100 FILIPINOS KILLED

Captain Pershing's Force Routed Moros After Gallant Charge.

Manila, April 11.—Captain Pershing's force captured Bacolod, island of Mindanao, killed 100 Moros and wounded many others. Three Americans were wounded. Pershing's force consisted of Shaw's Battalion of the Twenty-seventh Infantry, Kilpatrick's Troop of the Fifteenth Cavalry and McNair's Battery.

Pershing was surveying the west shore lands, when the Bacolodians opposed his advance and provoked the fight. Pershing surrounded and attacked their stronghold, first shelling them, and, rushing his troops forward, charged gallantly. After crossing a deep moat and entering the fort the Americans engaged the Moros, bayonets against bayonets. A hundred defenders were killed, including the datto of Panandungan, and many were wounded. Only three Americans were wounded. After the capture of the fort it was destroyed.

The Bacolodians and the majority of the people of that district had been hostile to the Americans and encouraged attacks on the American camps. They rejected the tenders of friendship.

It is expected that the defeat of the Bacolodians will result in all the Moros acknowledging American sovereignty. Pershing's column is going to Marahue, which is also hostile.

MANILA BAY GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Eighty Skeletons Found in Spanish Warship Sunk by Dewey.

Manila, April 14.—The warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay, has been floated and beached. The skeletons of about 80 of her crew were found in the bulk. One skeleton evidently was that of an officer, for it had a sword by its side.

There are 15 shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by an eight-inch shell and the others small. The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was scuttled when Admiral Montojo abandoned her. The hull is in fair condition.

Captain Albert B. Couden, commanding the naval station at Cavite, took charge of the remains of the Spanish sailors, expressing a desire to give them an American funeral. The Spanish residents, however, are anxious to ship the skeletons to Spain, and it is suggested that the United States transport Sumner convey them to Spain by way of the Suez canal in June.

A wrecking company is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

MITCHELL TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Miners' District Boards Arranging Series of Sessions at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 14.—The miners' leader, John Mitchell, will make his headquarters in this city on his arrival in the anthracite region on Monday, April 20. The three district boards are arranging to hold a series of sessions here, commencing after his arrival, and will continue their business until such time as the affairs of the dissatisfied miners are permanently settled. At headquarters it is said that Secretary-Treasurer Wilson is likely to accompany Mr. Mitchell to this city.

Nearly every colliery in the Wyoming Valley shut down yesterday on account of Easter Monday, which was observed by the foreign element. The English-speaking employes reported for work, but it was practically impossible to start, as the output would not be enough to keep the breakers at work.

WOMAN HAD 3000 PENNIES

Sewn Into Her Waist and Skirt; Also \$27 in Silver.

New York, April 14.—Jane Hane, an eccentric old woman, who says she is a cousin of Senator Plunkett, was sent to Blackwell's Island workhouse for six months for vagrancy by Magistrate Barlow. She was arrested, charged with begging. She had a few pennies in her hand, which were supposed to be all she possessed.

But before being sent over to the workhouse she was examined by a matron, who discovered that the old woman had 3000 pennies sewn into her jacket and skirt. Her clothing was tied into knots to hold her treasure. Some of the knots had been tied so long that they were too tight to be opened easily and were cut. Besides the 3000 pennies the old woman had \$27 in silver.

Chosen For Moravian Mission Board.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 14.—Rev. Dr. J. Taylor Hamilton, of the Moravian College, has been declared the nominee of the northern and southern provinces of the American Moravian Church, to succeed Bishop Benjamin Romig, who resigned from membership on the Central Mission Board. The announcement was cabled to the directing board in Herrnhut, Germany. His election will require his residence abroad.

Stabbed to Death.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 13.—Anthony Kolas, of West Pittston, was stabbed to death at Sturmerville last night during a fight with a number of Poles. The men had been drinking during the day and evening, and on their way home they quarreled and a fatal stabbing was the result. Five men were arrested, charged with the crime and committed to the county prison.

Killed Playing Base Ball.

Newman, Ga., April 14.—Punch Arnold, 15 years old, son of the county surveyor, was killed while playing base ball. He was struck over the head by a swift ball and fell to the ground, expiring a few moments later.

JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY

160th Anniversary Observed by Memorial Association.

AMERICA'S GREATEST STATESMAN

Senator Hoar Says Every Political Party Finds Its Doctrine in Jefferson—W. J. Bryan Also Eulogizes His Memory.

Washington, April 14.—Hon. William J. Bryan, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Governor Montague, of Virginia, and former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, were the principal speakers at a dinner given at the Hotel Parson under the auspices of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association in the celebration of the 160th anniversary of the birth of the author of the Declaration of Independence. About 140 guests were present. A feature of the musical program was the rendition of a march by Leader Santelman, of the Marine Band, entitled "The Thomas Jefferson March." H. B. F. Macfarland, president of the district commissioners, presided, and Thomas Nelson Page acted as toastmaster.

The dinner was not of a political character. Senator Hoar responded to the toast, "The Author of the Declaration of Independence." He spoke in part as follows:

"If we want a sure proof of Thomas Jefferson's greatness, it will be found in the fact that men of every variety of political opinion, however far asunder, find confirmation of their doctrine in him. Every party in this country today reckons Jefferson as its patron saint. In my youth the political abolitionists made appeals to Jefferson the burden of their song. In the late discussion which rent the country about the Philippine Islands, one side quoted what Mr. Jefferson said in the Declaration of Independence, and the other what they thought he did, in the acquisition of Louisiana. Every political sect finds its political doctrine in Jefferson, almost as every religious sect finds its doctrines in the sayings of the Saviour of mankind. The friend of state rights calls attention to the fact that Jefferson spoke of the government of the United States as the 'agency at Washington.' The abolitionists quote the great declaration and his famous utterance against slavery, 'I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.' The supporter of a protective tariff claims him as the highest protectionist in our history, appealing to his desire that there might be a 'wall around our country which should keep out all foreign manufactures.' The free trader maintains that the spirit of everything he said and everything he did teaches the doctrine of unlimited freedom in all human conduct except so far as may be needful for the restraint of actual crime."

Mr. Bryan, who as the last speaker on the program, addressed himself to "The Statute for Religious Freedom." He concluded as follows:

"To Jefferson the doctrine of free speech and freedom of opinion applied to everything, because he rightly understood that no censorship of opinion could be permitted that would not be more dangerous to truth than to error. Attention is called to the fact that the Almighty, 'being Lord both of the body and the mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercions of either.' Jefferson recognized that the Christian religion rested upon love, and that love is the very antithesis of violence and brute force. It is well to remember that the Declaration of Independence itself rests upon the same foundation which supports our religion, namely, love, and those who deny the doctrine of human brotherhood are not apt to respect the creed of inalienable rights and natural equality embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States. "Jefferson was the greatest statesman known to history. He believed in the rights of the people, and had a heart large enough to take in all humankind. He hated tyranny, whether it manifested itself in religious or secular affairs, and applied his doctrine to all questions."

Fell Dead From His Pulpit.

Ambler, Pa., April 13.—William Smith, a colored lay preacher and politician, fell dead from the African Methodist Church pulpit. He plunged headlong from the pulpit while leading a spirited exhortation service. He was picked up unconscious and died a few minutes later, amidst great excitement among the worshippers. His wife and daughter were in the front pews. His death is the fourth of a similar nature among the colored people, who number about 300 souls in Ambler, and they are much stirred up in consequence.

Egg Rolling at White House a Failure.

Washington, April 14.—The Easter egg rolling in the White House grounds was a dismal failure because of rainy weather. The grounds were water soaked and dripping rain from the trees made the grounds cheerless. About a hundred children, with their parents, came down during the afternoon, but soon departed. The proposed marine band concert on the grounds was abandoned.

Insane Murderer Drowned.

Newark, N. J., April 13.—John T. Larsen, a sailor on the schooner Mary A. Hall, became violently insane and tried to murder the crew. He slashed Andrew M. Johnson so he may die. In running to escape from the captain and mate of the Hall Larsen fell overboard and was drowned. Larsen had been melancholy for several days.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the office of the Company, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa. Election for President and Directors same day and place. J. M. HARDING, Sec.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of MARGARET DALEY, deceased, of Bellefonte boro. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. PHILIP BEEZER, Ex. x16 Bellefonte, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JULIA A. BROWN, late of Walker township, deceased. Letters testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, duly authenticated, for settlement. S. P. HOCKMAN, Ex'r. or to Kline Woodring, atty. Minzville.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JOHN WOLF, deceased, late of Miles township. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. J. W. ZEHLER, Hebersburg, WILFRED B. BRONKHORST Millburg, Exrs. x20

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 95 November Term, 1901. In the matter of the assigned estate of S. E. Condo, of State College, Pa. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County to distribute the funds in the hands of R. M. Foster, Receiver of S. E. Condo to and among those legally entitled to receive the same, will attend to the duties of his appointment at the offices of Forney & Walker, No. 11 East High Street, Bellefonte, Pa., on Tuesday April 21st, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day when and where, all parties interested may attend, present and prove their respective claim or claims or be forever barred from coming in upon said fund. W. HARRISON WALKER, Auditor

DIVORCE NOTICE. HARRIS HUGG ) In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. vs. NANNIE HUGG ) No. 82 Nov. Term, 1902.

To Nannie Hugg: Whereas Harris Hugg your husband has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 82 Nov. Term, 1902, praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 27th day of April, 1903, to answer the complaint of the said Harris Hugg and show cause if any you have, why the said Harris Hugg should not be divorced from you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. H. S. TAYLOR, Sheriff, Bellefonte, Pa. x17

DIVORCE NOTICE. ALBERT H. KNOPF ) In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. vs. MARY KNOPF ) No. 157 Aug. Term, 1902.

To Mary Knopf: Whereas Albert H. Knopf your husband has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 157 August Term, 1902, praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 27th day of April, 1903, to answer the complaint of the said Albert H. Knopf and show cause if any you have, why the said Albert H. Knopf should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. H. S. TAYLOR, Sheriff, Bellefonte, Pa. x17

DIVORCE NOTICE. JOHN H. GROESBECK ) In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. vs. AGNES L. GROESBECK ) No. 3 Nov. Term, 1902.

To Agnes L. Groesbeck: Whereas John H. Groesbeck your husband has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 3 November Term 1902, praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 27th day of April, 1903, to answer the complaint of the said John H. Groesbeck and show cause if any you have, why the said John H. Groesbeck should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. H. S. TAYLOR, Sheriff, Bellefonte, Pa. x17

CHARTER NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Friday, April 21st 1903, by J. W. Gephart, Archer Brown, Philip Kiebohn, H. C. Clemenson, C. M. Clement and William Sampson, under the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 23rd, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Bellefonte Coal and Coke Company," the character and object of which is, mining and vending coal and manufacturing and selling coke, and for those purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and the several supplements thereto. C. M. CLEMENT, Solicitor. x17

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all persons in interest that the following inventories of the goods and chatties set apart to widows, under the provisions of the Act of the 14th of April 1851, have been confirmed by the Court and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, and if no exceptions be filed on or before the first day of next term, the same shall be confirmed absolutely. 1. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of James Lewis, late of Philipburg boro, dec'd, as the same was set apart to his widow Josephine B. Lewis. 2. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Jeremiah Stover, late of Gregg twp, dec'd, as the same was set apart to his widow Rose E. Stover. 3. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Samuel H. Glosener, late of Liberty twp, dec'd, as the same was set aside to his widow Rebecca F. Glosener. 4. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Jacob Carver, late of Snow Shoe twp, dec'd, as the same was set aside to his widow Urella Carver. 5. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Nathaniel Bowersox, late of Miles twp, dec'd, as the same was set aside to his widow Catherine J. Bowersox. 6. The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Jackson Byrns, late of Haines twp, dec'd, as the same was set apart to his widow Julian Byrns. 7. The inventory and appraisement of personal and real estate of W. H. Miller, late of Harris twp, dec'd, as the same was set apart to his widow Margaret Miller. 8. The inventory and appraisement of the real estate and personal property of John C. Catherman, late of Taylor twp, dec'd, as the same was set apart to his widow Lizzie Catherman. Bellefonte, Pa., ALEX ARCHER, C. O. C. March 31, 1903.

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