

ALGER TO GO ON AUGUST 1

And Speculation Is Rife as to His Successor.

RESIGNATION A SURPRISE

While It Had Been Expected to Come at the Close of the Year, Nobody Looked for It at This Time—Neither the President Nor the Retiring Secretary Will Talk—Official Correspondence to Be Published Later—Vice President Hobart Credited with Having Been the Diplomatic Agent in the Case—Meanwhile the Country Can Have a Sigh of Relief.

Washington, July 19.—Secretary Alger today tendered to the president his resignation of the war portfolio. The resignation will become effective August 1, though it was tendered "at the pleasure of the president."

Generally Foreseen. The belief had prevailed in Washington for some time that Secretary Alger would resign from the cabinet, but the date generally set for it was towards the close of the year, after he had submitted his annual report, in which he intended to sum up what had been accomplished during his brief but eventful tenure of the war department.

The Decision Reached. It was largely at least as a result of this conference that Secretary Alger decided to leave the cabinet at this time. At this conference there were present besides Secretary Alger, his military aide and close personal and political friend and adviser, Major Hopkins, and perhaps some other persons or person who also felt a deep interest in the future of the secretary.

Refused to Talk. To the newspaper men who sought to secure some expression from him the secretary was courteous but firm. Subsequently General Corbin and Victor Mason, the secretary's private secretary, made the announcement that Secretary Alger had submitted his resignation to the president, to take effect at the pleasure of the president.

At his residence in the evening the secretary was equally uncommunicative and positively declined to assign any reason for the action he had taken. Mr. Meikeljohn, the assistant secretary of war, is at present supposed to be in Wisconsin. He has been notified as to what has happened and to return to Washington to resume charge of the war department until such time as the president shall appoint a permanent successor.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO RUSH RECRUITING

Extra Inducements Offered to Applicants for Commissions to Set Together Small Groups of Acceptable Men.

Washington, July 19.—The war department is offering extra inducements to expedite the recruitment of the ten volunteer regiments. Nearly all the commissions having been issued, many of the disappointed applicants have been advised to enter the ranks, as in that way it may be possible for them to secure commissions. General Corbin says that the policy of the administration will be to fill all vacancies which may occur among commissioned officers from the ranks. A number of applicants for commissions have enlisted as privates in the different regiments and have been appointed non-commissioned officers, wherever possible and consistently practicable. In line of promotion to commissioned rank in the event of a vacancy.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BROOKLYN

Started in a Grain Elevator and Destroyed Much Valuable Property. New York, June 19.—A fire, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of property on the Brooklyn waterfront.

WOMAN HANGED IN ENGLAND. Murdered Her Insane Sister in Order to Obtain Insurance Money.

London, July 19.—Despite strenuous efforts to obtain a reprieve, including an appeal to the queen, Mary Ann Ansell, who was convicted of murdering her sister, an inmate of an asylum for the insane, by sending her poisoned cake, was hanged today at St. Albans.

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ENVOYS OF GOTHAM IN PHILADELPHIA

They Came to Inspect the Export Show. Also to Try to Discover Why It Was That New York Has Begun to Lose Its Former Commercial Supremacy. The Visit a Social Success.

Philadelphia, July 19.—Delegations of leading commercial men of New York, representing respectively the New York commerce commission and the Board of Trade and Transportation, of that city, today visited the site of the National Export exposition to be held here beginning next September.

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POINT IN BALLOT LAW

Voter Entitled to Vote for Candidates for All Offices. Philadelphia, July 19.—In the case of the election of assessors in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, the Supreme court, in an opinion by Chief Justice Sterrett, yesterday decided a ballot-marking question.

ANDERSON NAILS ONE FILIPINO LIE

Never Promised Independence to Aguinaldo. This in Response to the Assertion of One of Aguinaldo's Lieutenants That He Had Done So—General Harrison Gray Otis on the Manila Round Robin.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

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SARAH MUMFORD WAS MURDERED

Such Is the Verdict of the Coroner's Jury After Five Weeks' Deliberation—Foster Parents to Be Arrested. Lockport, N. Y., July 19.—After five weeks' deliberation the coroner's jury reached a verdict this morning in the case of Sarah Mumford, the 17-year-old girl adopted by Henry Tripp, of Pendleton, from a Rochester asylum, whose dead body was found on the Central's tracks near Shawnee, June 6 at 2 a. m.

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CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

Twenty-One of Brooklyn Strikers Are Placed Under Arrest. Detective testified that he was at a meeting of the strikers Monday night and heard them talking about buying dynamite—Police transferred from Brooklyn to New York in Anticipation of Trouble on the Lines of the Metropolitan Street Railway System—The Second Avenue Tie-Up.

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