

CORTELYOU CONFIRMED

President's Secretary Head of New Department of Commerce.

PLACE FOR JAMES R. GARFIELD

Son of Late President Will be Appointed Commissioner of Corporations Under New Act—Cortelyou Youngest of Cabinet Officers.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the nomination of George B. Cortelyou, of New York, his official secretary, to be



secretary of commerce and labor. The nomination was referred to the committee after the senate went into executive session, and the committee was polled on the floor. Senator Dewey reported the nomination with a favorable recommendation. He asked for immediate action, and, as there was no opposition, Mr. Cortelyou was confirmed.

The act creating the new department and the cabinet office was passed only last week. Mr. Cortelyou is the youngest man who has ever held a cabinet office.

It was announced at the White house that President Roosevelt would appoint James R. Garfield, of Ohio, commissioner of corporations under the act creating the new department of commerce. Mr. Garfield is a son of the late President James A. Garfield, and is at present a member of the civil service commission. For some time the president has had him under consideration in connection with the position of commissioner of corporations, which is regarded as second only to the secretary in importance and power in the new department.

The Ninth Member of the Cabinet.—George Bruce Cortelyou, chief of the executive department of commerce and labor, was born in New York on July 2, 1862. He was graduated from the Hempstead academy, Long Island, Institute in 1879, and from the State Normal School at Westfield, Mass., in 1882. He attended the old Moravian school at Nazareth, Pa. He received the degree of LL. B. from Georgetown University in 1885, and that of LL. M. from Columbian University in 1896. He married in 1888 the daughter of Dr. Hinds, president of Hempstead Institute. Mr. Cortelyou was a general law and verbatim reporter in New York 1883-85, and principal of preparatory schools, 1885-87.

He entered the public service in 1889, and served as private secretary to various officials, including the postoffice inspector and surveyor of the port of New York, and the fourth assistant postmaster-general. He was appointed stenographer to President Cleveland in November, 1893; executive clerk in February, 1896; assistant secretary to President McKinley on July 1, 1898, and secretary to succeed John Addison Forter on April 13, 1900. After the death of Mr. McKinley Mr. Cortelyou remained in the same capacity with President Roosevelt.

Girl Dies From Shock.—Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 17.—Miss Della Haley, 19 years old, daughter of Daniel Haley, a resident of Pennsylvania, is another victim of the recent railroad wreck on the Central road at Grace-land. On the night of the collision Miss Haley was visiting here and happened to go down to the railroad station when the dead and injured were brought in from the wreck. She received such a shock from the sight that she became seriously ill and continued to grow worse until yesterday, when she died. Her death was attributed to shock to her nervous system.

Denounced Southern Negroes.—Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 16.—In a sermon last night before the local post of the G. A. R., the Rev. Fred Winslow Adams, pastor of the State Street Methodist Church, denounced the southern negroes, saying: "They are low, bestial, degraded, ignorant and diseased. You may think these are strong words for a minister, but if you were to go south and see them you would use stronger language." The sermon was listened to by over 1,000 people.

Mail Carriers' Narrow Escape.—Riverton, N. J., Feb. 17.—George W. Tucker, who drives the rural free delivery wagon at Riverton, N. J., had a miraculous escape from death at Taylor's Lane yesterday while on his route. After the westbound train had passed he attempted to cross the tracks when the eastbound train struck the horse, cutting him in two and completely demolishing the wagon. Tucker escaped with a few bruises.

PROTOCOLS SIGNED

Negotiators Reach Agreement in Venezuelan Dispute.

BLOCKADE TO BE RAISED AT ONCE

Final Formalities Took Place at British Embassy—All Venezuelan Vessels Captured By the Allies Are to Be Returned.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the peace negotiations at Washington, last night signed with each of the allies' representatives here a protocol providing for the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade and for the reference of the question of preferential treatment of the claims of the allies against Venezuela to The Hague arbitration tribunal. The final formalities occurred at the British embassy. Herbert Deering, first secretary of the British embassy, announced that the British protocol had been signed at 11.30 o'clock. The Italian protocol was signed at 11.50 and the German protocol at 12.10 o'clock, the presence of Baron Sternberg at the White House delaying a final close to the negotiations until after midnight.

By the provisions of these preliminary protocols, which have required more than three weeks of constant negotiations, Venezuela makes two distinct gains, the immediate raising of a blockade from which she has been suffering for some weeks and the return of all her vessels, war and merchant, which have been captured by the allied fleet.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy receive advance payments of £5,500 (\$27,500) each, Great Britain receiving her payment on the signature of the protocol, and Germany and Italy within 30 and 60 days from date. Germany in addition will receive five monthly payments until the full amount paid her in advance aggregates \$30,000. As a guaranty for the satisfaction of their claims, Mr. Bowen pledges the allies a share with the other creditor nations in 30 per cent. of the customs receipts of the two ports of La Guayra and Porto Caballo. This percentage will be set aside beginning March 1 and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until The Hague tribunal shall decide whether it shall be distributed without preference among the claimant nations or whether the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive preferential payments.

THE BLOCKADE RAISED

Allies' Warships Sail Away From Venezuelan Ports.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Feb. 16.—The blockade has been officially raised. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune, the only warship of the allies ashore yesterday with the announcement that the Tribune would leave for Trinidad. The populace is wild with joy.

The government was puzzled until 11 o'clock, when the news reached Caracas that the captain of the Tribune had notified the authorities at La Guayra that the blockade was raised. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Tribune left for Trinidad. The news received from all the Venezuelan ports, except Coro and Higuera, is that the foreign warships sailed away yesterday. The government immediately on receiving the news that the blockade had been raised took military measures and sent troops in all directions to crush the revolution without giving the rebels a moment's respite.

U. OF P. TO CONFER DEGREES

Provost Harrison Announces Names of Those to Be Honored.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Honorary degrees will be conferred at the University of Pennsylvania exercises on Saturday next. Provost Harrison yesterday announced the names of the men who will be honored. They are: President Alexander Crombie Humphreys, president of Stevens' Institute, Hoboken, N. J., the degree of doctor of science, President Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, the degree of doctor of laws; President William Peterson, principal of McGill University, Montreal, the degree of doctor of laws; John Singer Sargent, the artist, the degree of doctor of laws; Brigadier General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., the degree of doctor of laws.

Fine for Passing Mexican Money.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 17.—In spite of the opinion expressed by Secret Service Agent Gammon that no conviction could result in prosecution for passing Mexican money, Helen Zaza Robinson yesterday was fined \$50 by a police justice. Her husband paid the fine in American money. The couple were arrested after flooding Rochester with Mexican dollars worth 27½ cents each. They said they had made \$5,000 in the last few months, and are working east from San Francisco. They have a scrap book filled with newspaper stories of arrests in other cities on the same charge, but have never been fined before, because they do not represent Mexican money to be United States money, and as it is genuine money they cannot be held for passing counterfeiters.

School Teacher Killed By Fall.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 14.—Miss Ora Montgomery, 23 years old, a school teacher in Westernport, slipped and fell yesterday while running after a recalcitrant pupil. Her neck was broken in her fall down the stairway. She died almost instantly.

CHARGED WITH MATRICIDE

George Nelk, Alleged Philadelphia Murderer, Arrested in Reading.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—George Nelk, of Germantown, a suburb, who is charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Catharine Nelk, and with murdering her sister-in-law, was arrested yesterday in a respectable resort at Reading, Pa., by Chief of Police Whitman, of that city. Nelk admitted his identity when taken into custody and made no attempt to escape.

Mrs. Nelk was killed in her home last Wednesday. Her skull had been crushed with a hatchet. Her daughter was found similarly injured and unconscious. She is now at the point of death in a hospital. When the crime was discovered Nelk had disappeared, and it was learned that Mrs. Nelk had been robbed of \$100. The police suspected the son because of a letter, evidently signed and left by him, saying he had killed his mother and intended having a good time, after which he would end his life.

When arrested Nelk declined to discuss the crime, but spoke freely regarding his movements. He said he went to Reading on Wednesday, and from there to Allentown, returning to Reading Friday. He had but 10 cents in his pocket when arrested.

When Chief Whitman made known his errand, Nelk said: "It is all up with me, I suppose. I am George Nelk, and I know I am wanted in Philadelphia for murder."

GAVE LIFE TO SAVE COMRADE

Moses Keller Asphyxiated in Oil Tank Trying to Rescue Companion.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 17.—Moses Keller, aged 40 years, gave up his life yesterday afternoon in a brave attempt to save a companion from asphyxiation in an oil tank. David Lindeman had entered the tank, which he was emptying to sweep out oil that had failed to run off. Ordinarily this was a safe procedure, but yesterday the heavy atmosphere confined the poisonous gases which usually evaporated. Lindeman was overcome and fell unconscious. Seeing Lindeman's predicament, Keller bravely dropped through the manhole of the tank to the rescue, refusing to take the precaution urged upon him of tying a rope about himself, shouting there was no time to be lost. Keller, too, was overcome. Several fellow workmen were rendered unconscious by the fumes that escaped through the manhole in attempting to reach the men in the tank. By means of hooks both were finally dragged out, but Keller was dead. Lindeman soon recovered.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL FUND

Over \$500,000 Collected, But \$100,000 Wanted at Once.

Cleveland, Feb. 16.—The McKinley National Memorial Association has issued a statement to the effect that it has collected more than \$500,000 during the first year of its organization. The association announces that it will require \$100,000 additional before anything will be done toward building the monument.

The trustees have decided to undertake the collection of this additional sum through the postoffice and department stores of the country by placing in their hands a supply of the souvenir certificates to be given to all contributors of \$1 or more. These certificates will ultimately go to all the contributors.

WOULD SNUB MRS. ROOSEVELT

Texas Legislature Asked to Plead With Angry Dallas Women.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—Many members of the legislature are anxious to prevent the women of Dallas from sending back to Mrs. Roosevelt a cotton handkerchief which she contributed to their charity bazaar, and a resolution asking them to reconsider their determination was introduced in the house Saturday.

The resolution also asks that the handkerchief be made part of the Texas exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, and that it be thereafter kept by the state. Mrs. Roosevelt is thanked for her delicate compliment in sending a handkerchief made of the southern staple.

Rev. Dr. Curry's Funeral.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—The funeral of the Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, examiner to Spain, and general agent of the Peabody and Slater funds, took place yesterday afternoon from Richmond College chapel. The Rev. Dr. C. A. Biting, of Mount Morris, N. J., a former Richmond pastor, conducted the services, which were very simple. The interment took place in Hollywood cemetery. Among those present were Pierpont Morgan, President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mr. Ogden, who is prominent in the Southern educational movement, and several trustees of the two funds.

He Gilded Five-Cent Pieces.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 17.—Elmer Weikert, aged 30 years, who is thought to have operated extensively in Philadelphia and this city, was arrested here yesterday by Secret Service Detective Matthew F. Griffin on the charge of gilding and milling five-cent pieces and passing them as five-dollar gold coins. Several of the counterfeit pieces were found in his boarding house. United States Commissioner O. P. Bricker remanded Weikert for a hearing.

School Girl Injured by Experimenting.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 17.—Kate Curran, aged 16 years, a pupil of the Trenton High School, was badly injured yesterday while experimenting in the school laboratory. The retort, in which was sulphuric acid, exploded. She was badly burned about the face and will probably be disfigured.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 11.

Samuel W. Glenn, the veteran actor, died yesterday at Baltimore, Md., aged 75 years.

Fire yesterday completely destroyed the plant of the Ontario Maltng Company, at Oswego, N. Y. Loss, \$150,000.

One person was killed and two others fatally injured in a boiler explosion in a foundry at Milwaukee, Wis., yesterday.

The total resources of New York savings banks on January 1 were \$1,191,327,573, and increase during the year of \$59,762,949.

Gennaro Rubino, the anarchist, who attempted to kill King Leopold, of Belgium, last November, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment.

Thursday, February 12.

George Geiss was instantly killed at Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday by stepping in front of an express train.

Ansgar College, at Hutchinson, Minn., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Over 200 students lost all their belongings.

By a collision of freight trains at Port Clinton, Pa., on the Reading Railway, yesterday Fireman H. H. Yohe was instantly killed.

The state convention of Pennsylvania school superintendents convened in Harrisburg yesterday and selected Norristown as the next place of meeting.

The Kansas senate adopted a resolution asking congress to call a constitutional convention to amend the constitution so that United States senators may be elected by popular vote.

Friday, February 13.

A class of 47 was graduated yesterday at the 15th annual commencement of the Carlisle (Pa.) Industrial School for Indians.

The sheet metal workers of Wilkesbarre, Pa., have made a demand for an increase of wages and an eight-hour workday.

While answering a telephone call Theodore Dixon, of Wilmington, Del., received an electric shock which rendered him senseless.

The Utah legislature held memorial services yesterday in honor of Presidents Lincoln and McKinley. All the members wore carnations.

The home of James Lyons, at Lincoln, Neb., was burned and his 5-year-old boy and baby perished in the flames. They had been left alone in the house.

Saturday, February 14.

The Hotel Lawrence, at Washington, D. C., was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of \$3,000.

One man was murdered and three others seriously hurt in a stabbing affray yesterday among Italians at New Castle, Pa.

The Howard County Bank, at Nashville, Ark., suspended payment yesterday, and its officers ask that a receiver be appointed.

King Edward, of Great Britain, yesterday received William Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, at Buckingham Palace, London.

Samuel Alcorn, a retired farmer, near Wilmington, Del., committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. He was afflicted with melancholia.

Sunday, February 16.

Falling into a tub of hot water at Shamokin, Pa., Frank Stankawicz, 3 years old, was scalded to death.

Extreme cold during the past 15 days is reported from Dawson, the thermometer being reported as low as 66 below zero.

Miss Alice Roosevelt and Miss Root, daughter of Secretary Root, left Washington last night for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras festivities.

Rev. Dr. Francis Clark is in Denver, Colo., arranging for the Y. P. S. C. E. convention in July, hoping to have a larger attendance than in 1895 at Boston, Mass.

Tuesday, February 17.

Postmaster General Payne is confined to his apartments by an attack of gout.

President Palma, of Cuba, yesterday signed the naval coaling station agreement.

William J. Bryan yesterday delivered an address before the Women's Democratic Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

William R. Trigg, president of the Richmond Shipbuilding Company, died at his home at Richmond, Va., last night, aged 54 years.

Stepping out of the way of a west-bound freight Charles Haight and wife, of Stroudsburg, Pa., were struck by a fast east-bound freight on the Lackawanna railroad and fatally injured.

GENERAL MARKETS

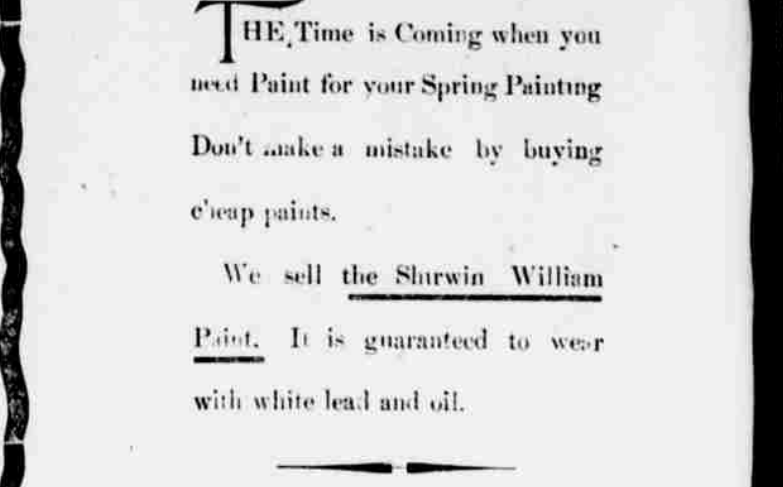
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 16.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.79@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.95@3.10. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.15@3.20 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 78½c. Corn was firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 52½c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 44c.; lower grades, 42½c. Hay was steady. No. 1 timothy, \$19 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 12c. for hens, and 9½c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13½c. for choice fowls, and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 28c. per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 17c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 65@70c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Liberty, Pa., Feb. 16.—Cattle were steady; choice, \$5.15@5.25; prime, \$4.90@5.10; good, \$4.61@4.85. Hogs were active; prime heavy, \$7.75@8.00; medium, \$7.30@7.55; heavy Yorkers, \$7.25@7.30; light Yorkers, \$7.10@7.15. Pigs, \$7@7.05; roughs, \$5.50@6.50. Sheep were higher; best wethers, \$5.10@5.25; culls and common, \$2@3; choice lambs, \$6.50@6.65; veal calves, \$8.50@9. East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Cattle steady; prime steers, \$5@5.25; cows, \$2.75@4; heifers, \$2.25@4.50; bulls, \$4.25; fresh cows, good, \$35@45 per head. Veals higher; tops, \$9.50@10; common to good, \$5.50@9.25. Hogs active, higher; heavy, \$7.35@7.40; medium, \$7.30@7.35; Yorkers, \$7.30@7.35; pigs, \$7.40@7.45; roughs, \$6.25@6.50; stags, \$5.25@5.75. Sheep strong; tops, \$4.75@5; culls, \$2.50@4.65. Lambs higher; tops, \$6.80@6.90; culls, \$4.25@6.75; yearlings, \$5.25@5.75.

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Very Cleverly Put. Patience—When I was young I had at least 50 offers for my hand. Practice—Those are what you might call your palmy days, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Somebody It Brings It. College Idiot—That takes the cake! Kind Friend—What does? College Idiot—Oh, the baker's wagon, I suppose.—Columbus Jester.

Incredible. Some girls so very stupid are. (So those who claim to know insist). They cannot think of ought to say. Even when they're playing whist. —Puck

ALMOST AN INSIINUATION. He—Ah, good morning, Miss Brightly, will you go skating with me? She—No, thank you, I've been sitting down all the morning.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Up-to-Date Domestic. "Does your cook ever wear your wife's clothes?" "I guess not. Why, my wife hasn't anything the cook would be seen wearing."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

How Foolish. Penelope—Were you surprised when he proposed? Beatrice—Dear me, yes! He begged by saying he wanted to talk seriously about something.—Puck.

Benefits of Social Rush. Mrs. Beau-Monde—How do you get on so well with your cook? Mrs. Chic—Oh, I don't stay at home long enough to fall out with her.—Brooklyn Life.

All Depends. Husband—Have you much shopping to do to-day? Wife—I don't know. How much money have you got?—N. Y. Journal.

Fast Colors. Algernon—What a lovely complexion you have, just like your sister's. Bessie—Yes, only mine doesn't rub off.—Chicago American.

First National Bank of Middleburg, Pa. Capital, - \$50,000. Surplus, - \$50,000. G. ALFRED SCHUCH, Pres. W. W. WITTEMAYER, Vice Pres. JAS. G. THOMPSON, Cashier.

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