

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW ON WHEELS.

President McKinley Starts on His Long Trip Westward.

WARM WELCOMES IN VIRGINIA.

President McKinley, who is on his long trip westward, was warmly welcomed in Virginia. The train here with the fragrance of beautiful flowers, which made it look a fairy bow.

The President's trip will extend through 25 States. It will pass over 10,500 miles of railroad tracks.

It will take 48 days. It will be shared by 80 persons, 40 of whom are servants.

The other 40 include the Cabinet officials, their families and other guests. Six reporters, four photographers, two telegraphers and three stenographers are taken along.

Elaborately furnished cars make up the special train.

Of these the most magnificent is the Olympia, in which the President rides.

Bristol, Tenn. (Special)—The first day of the President's tour to the Pacific Coast lay through an historic spot in Virginia, across the mountains. The train was met in sight of the homes of Madison and Jefferson, up past the Peaks of Otter, so dear to the heart of the Virginians, into the picturesque Blue Ridge mountains. The Tennessee line was reached at 10:55 p. m. with the arrival of the train at Bristol.

The route as far as Lynchburg was over the Southern Railway. The train was shifted to the tracks of the Norfolk and Western for a short cut to Bristol, where it resumed its flight over the Southern road.

Presidential party received a flattering ovation from the time the train left Washington. Large crowds assembled at every station; the country side and crossroads each had its little group of waving watchers straining their eyes to catch a glimpse of the Chief Magistrate as the train whisked by. At Charlottesville the students of the University of Virginia turned out, at Lynchburg Senator Daniel Virginia's crack orator, made a speech greeting the President, and at Roanoke two bands crashed out their welcome. At each of these places the President responded to the loud calls made upon him and spoke briefly from the rear platform of his car.

If the reception through Virginia is throughout the rest of the trip, the President's tour across the continent will be a triumphal one. Some of the people in their eagerness to grasp the President's hand, climbed up the railing surrounding the platform. The President received these demonstrations good naturedly, and never failed smilingly to grasp their hands.

Reed Tragedy in a Play.

Burnsville, N. C. (Special)—While playing the tragedy "Last Upon the World" in the closing exercises of the Stanley McCormick High School, at Burnsville, a real tragedy was enacted, when R. N. McIntire, one of the students, was shot and killed by J. C. Bailey, another student, both representing characters in the play. When the scene necessary for Bailey in his role to defend himself with a revolver against a drawn knife in the hands of McIntire, he used by mistake a loaded pistol, instead of the one with blanks, and in the presence of several hundred people McIntire was shot dead on the stage.

Department Store Burns.

Pittsburg (Special)—Fire at the corner of Carson and Seventeenth streets, south side, caused a property loss estimated at \$225,000, consumed over a dozen buildings and rendered a score of families homeless. The flames were discovered in the basement of the four-story department store of George E. Lorch & Bro., and in a short time the entire building was burning furiously. It was in ruins within thirty minutes. A panic ensued among the customers and employees, which resulted in a report that eight persons had perished.

More Gunners in Texas.

Beaumont, Tex. (Special)—Two more oil gunners were brought in here. The first is on what is known as the Gladys City property, owned by the J. G. Guffey Company. It is close to the other gunners. The other well is owned by the Texas and Colorado Illuminating Company. It is of importance chiefly because it is the first being drilled from the original Lucas gusher.

Fire Follows Explosion.

Ashtabula, Ohio (Special)—Robbers open the safe in the store of Richards & Herrick, occupying a large frame building on Main street. Fire quickly broke out after the explosion of dynamite. The Richards & Herrick building was totally destroyed, as was an adjoining business house, the losses aggregating \$20,000. What the robbers secured is not yet known.

Will Make McKinley an LL. D.

Boston (Special)—At a meeting of the board of overseers of Harvard University held here, the question of granting the degree of Doctor of Laws to President McKinley was taken up informally, and the sentiment expressed was unanimously in favor of the step. The matter will come up for formal action at a meeting of the overseers next before commencement in June, according to the usual custom.

37 Congressmen for New York.

Albany, N. Y. (Special)—Governor Odell has signed the bill reappointing the State for Congressional districts. The districts now number 37, instead of 34, as under the census of 1890.

Planter Shot by a Negro.

Columbia, S. C. (Special)—Vernon Watson, 25 years old, a prosperous and popular planter of Anderson county and a member of an influential family, heard that Charlie Owens, a negro tenant, aged 18, had stolen a pig and was going to move off the place that night, went to the house. The negro boy's mother barred the way, while Owens, standing behind her, fired at Watson with a shotgun. The entire load tore through the woman's arm, only slightly wounding Watson. The planter fired and Owens shot him in the back, killing him.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

Judge Lawrence of the Supreme Court, in New York, granted a divorce to Frederick Allen, whose wife had secured a divorce in Dakota, the judge holding that the Dakota divorce was worthless.

Major Strong, who ran away from Cleveland with Charles W. Wildrick, dying in a New York hotel, while Wildrick is in jail on the charge of beating a hotel.

At the Wynne Coke Works, near Uniontown, Pa., eight colored men and two colored women brutally assaulted Hiram McMiller, white, and his wife.

Henry Freeman was arrested in Salina, Kan., on suspicion of having murdered Frederick Kinney, of Salina, Kan., who disappeared in August.

The Philadelphia delegation in the Legislature adopted a resolution favoring the removal of the State Capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

The men employed in the shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad have asked for a reduction in the hours of labor from 10 to 9.

The Dorothy Coal and Coke Plant at Latrobe, Pa., was destroyed by fire and several miners are reported killed.

The McCarter family, which had been living in Philadelphia in style, without paying any taxes, disappeared.

Miss Gertrude Nathan was released from jail temporarily, to attend the funeral of her brother, at Lewisburg, Kan.

Joseph Norris, a prominent dentist, died while sitting at the bedside of his sick wife, in Charlottesville, Va.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Theosophical Society in America was held at Indianapolis, Ind.

A cat that had overturned a lamp in Philadelphia and set herself on fire set fire to the house.

James Douglas Reid, known as "The Fisher of the Telegraph," died at his home in New York.

Joseph E. Widener, son of the Philadelphia traction magnate, was fatally injured by the overturning of a coach on which he and other wealthy young men were riding.

The sailing schooner Enterprise arrived at Victoria, B. C., with the flag at half-staff, two of her hunters having been drowned, while a third died on the voyage.

Rev. Frank H. Gunsauls delivered the oration at the Grant anniversary celebration in Galena, Ill., and severely denounced the disfranchisement of the negro.

The members of Harvard Alumni who object to the university granting a degree of LL. D. to President McKinley mailed 7,000 copies of the protest to graduates.

Miss Besse Smith, daughter of Emanuel Smith, who lives near Gettysburg, Pa., committed suicide by drowning herself in Rock Creek.

Minister Conger said in San Francisco that he had been entirely satisfactory to the President.

John Broderick, a Baltimore crook, was sentenced in Hanover, Pa., to the penitentiary for receiving stolen goods.

Rev. Robert Julien, a well-known Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Burdett, N. J.

A. W. A. Thompson, colored, was fined \$100 for selling liquor at Downing, Va., without a license.

Harry Davenport, the comedian, and Phyllis Rankin, the actress, daughter of McKee Rankin, tried to get married in London, but the registrar refused to tie the knot until he learned more of the history of the couple. Davenport's first wife secured a divorce only two weeks ago.

The Ottoman Liberal Committee has appealed to the French League of the Rights of Man to aid in securing the release of the former Sultan, Mourad, who was deposed in 1876 on the ground of mental incapacity.

Li Hung Chang has congratulated United States Commissioner Rockwell on the stand taken by the Americans in the matter of indemnity.

Herr Mercke, a German millionaire, was murdered and his body eaten by cannibals on the Island of New Britain, off the coast of Papua.

The Boers captured 25 men of the Prince of Wales Light Horse, but released them after taking their horses and accoutrements.

Field Marshal von Waldersee reports that the mountain artillery attacked the Chinese by the Great Wall on April 23 and forced them to retire, with heavy losses, into Sianki.

It is reported that Cardinal Rampolla has resigned the office of papal secretary of state and that Cardinal Ferrata will succeed him.

Court Cortislar was acquitted in Paris, where he was tried for killing his wife as she was leaving the house of M. Leroux, her lawyer.

Germany claims that her expenses in China already exceed the amount of her indemnity claims—240,000,000 marks.

Robert S. McCormick, of Illinois, the new American Minister to Austria-Hungary, arrived at Budapest.

Masked robbers secured 30,000 francs from the American Express Company's office in Paris.

Eighteen miners were killed and seven injured in a fire-damp disaster at Mims, Belgium.

BIG STEAMSHIP LINES COMBINE.

Morgan Forms One of the World's Greatest Ocean Deals.

HE IS AIDING THE STEEL TRUST.

Morgan & Co. Buy the Leyland Line, Which Will Be Consolidated With the Atlantic Transport Company—A Step in the Combining of Transatlantic Shipping—The Leyland Fleet Numbers About Sixty Ships.

London (By Cable)—The first step in the direction of the consolidation of some of the biggest transatlantic shipping interests has been accomplished by the purchase by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. of the Leyland Line of steamers.

A deposit on the purchase money has been paid.

The officials of the Leyland Line, in confirming the sale, said that an official statement will be issued from the head office of the line, at Liverpool. It is understood that the shareholders will receive £1.10.00 for each £10 share.

The Leyland Line, whose fleets will thus pass into the control of Americans, is one of the world's greatest shipping concerns, making up the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in tonnage and importance.

It is reported, in connection with the purchase of the Leyland Line by J. Pierpont Morgan, that when Andrew Carnegie declared that the high rates on ocean freight were now the chief obstacle in the way of building up the American export trade, he added:

"I will not rest satisfied until I have done something to beat them down to a proper figure."

J. Pierpont Morgan, when he arrived in London, said:

"I may see Carnegie. He and I have trials in common."

The foregoing seems to suggest that Carnegie and Morgan are in a deal to control transatlantic shipping.

The News, in commenting on Morgan's purchase, says:

"It is a pity that this line, which exceeds in tonnage all but one English line, should pass into hands which, from their control of American railways, are in a position to outbid any British shipping line. We have reason to understand that Mr. Morgan intends further shipping purchases, and that his combinations will have serious consequences for British trade and shipping."

A representative of the Associated Press learned that the purchase of the Leyland Line is tantamount to its consolidation with the Atlantic Transport Line.

EXPRESS WRECKED.

The Fireman Badly Injured and the Engineer Scalded.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special)—The vestibule Chicago flyer, leaving Detroit at 11 o'clock, was wrecked at Sunfield, 112 miles out, by the rails separating. The injured: William Gossett, Grand Rapids, fatally, internally, probably fatal; Hank Fuller, engineer, scalded, serious; J. G. Lemon, Sunfield, badly cut by thrusting it through a window; Mrs. C. Percy and daughter, Grand Rapids, slightly.

The train was going 50 miles an hour, when suddenly the engine careened and set on a side track, being torn from their tracks.

The breaking of connections in the engine caused an escape of steam, which scalded Engineer Fuller, Fireman Gossett and the passengers, being torn from their tracks.

BOERS STILL ACTIVE.

Take 25 Prisoners Whom They Disarm and Then Liberate.

London (By Cable)—Lord Kitchener continues the process of wearing down the Boers, who, however, continue to make the matter of indemnity.

In the Kroonstad district they recently derailed two trains and captured after a severe fight 25 men of the Prince of Wales Light Horse, after stripping them of their horses and accoutrements, they liberated.

On the other hand, Colonel Plumer's force captured a small laager of 45 men including the motorcars (Transvaal) engineer, Munick, who planned the destruction of the Johannesburg and his father, who was formerly laagered at Bokopong.

Five Men Buried Alive.

Springfield, Mo. (Special)—Rosebud Mine, at Aurora, closed in and buried five men at a depth of 110 feet. It may be a month before they can be reached. The victims are Grant and William Shane, Elmer Bigler, John Gilland and Feaster.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY OFFICES ROBBED IN PARIS.

Paris (By Cable)—Three masked burglars entered the American Express Company's office here, surprised the watchman asleep, gagged and bound him, and escaped with 30,000 francs.

The burglary was carried out, most audaciously, and was evidently the work of American experts.

Manager Dalliba, after going over his books, finds that 30,000 francs were taken.

The manner in which the burglars proceeded indicates that they were familiar with the arrangements of the office. The street door was opened with the proper key, as the lock, which is equal to a safe lock, was not scratched.

An astounding feature of the burglary is that the policemen heard of saw nothing of the burglary, in spite of the fact that the latter worked loudly, and that the sound of the explosions was sufficient to awaken a porter on the top story of a building across the street and cause him to stand and search his own house for intruders.

The street door of the express company's office was also left open, but the burglars got over three hundred francs by New York city, to accept the \$5,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie for a tree library system.

Four Men Buried Alive.

Frederick, Md. (Special)—Michael Kearns, Michael Coyne, two foremen, and Archie Frater and Douglas Hicks, two colored laborers, working on the Baltimore and Ohio improvements near Riverside, while working on the Mt. Airy tunnel were buried alive by the earth caving in Saturday, and thus far three of their dead bodies have been recovered. The body of Michael Kearns is still in the debris, and it is thought that several other men have been killed as they cannot be accounted for.

Mail Carrier Arrested.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special)—Post-office Inspector Keyes has reported to the department the arrest of Archibald Free, a Star route carrier, charged with robbing the mails at Newport, Tenn.

HEAD SEVERED BY ROPE.

Unsuspected Scene at Execution of Train Robber Thomas Ketchum.

Clayton, N. M. (Special)—Thomas Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the outlaw who had terrorized people of the Southwest for 15 years, was hanged here for train robbery.

His head was severed from the body by the rope, as if by a guillotine. The headless trunk pitched toward the spectators and blood splattered upon those nearest the scaffold.

The execution took place inside a stockade built for the occasion. There were 150 witnesses. When Ketchum stood at the gallows, he had consented to spiritual attendance at the last moment. He declined to make a speech, muttering "Good bye," then said, "Please dig my grave very deep" and as the cap was drawn over his face shouted, "Let her go!"

When the drop was sprung the body shot through the trap and the head was torn from the trunk by the tremendous jerk. The body dropped to the ground quivering and bleeding. Some unable to endure the sight. For a half second the body was allowed to be half doubled up on its right side, with blood pouring from the armpits, as the heart kept up its mechanical beating. Then the officers rushed down and lifted the body.

Late was pronounced extinct in five minutes from the time the body dropped through the trap. It was decided that the drop of seven feet with the running noose was too great for so heavy a man.

As Ketchum, who weighed about 170 pounds, then those commanded by Colonel Hoffman to execute and himself sprang the trap.

SUCCESS WITH BEET SUGAR.

Thirteen New Factories Contemplated Throughout the Country.

Washington (Special)—C. F. Saylor of Iowa, the special agent in charge of the beet sugar investigation of the Department of Agriculture, in a Washington and has submitted his report to Secretary Wilson.

He says this year shows a very active tendency toward the institution of new beet sugar factories throughout the country.

He says Michigan will have three new factories, and Ohio, Indiana, New York, Colorado, Utah, South and North Dakota and Illinois will also install throughout the United States new in contemplation.

A conservative estimate, he says, is that there will be forty-two beet sugar factories in operation by the end of next Autumn.

Everything indicates that the industry is thoroughly established throughout the country.

FIVE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Babe Born During the Fire Perishes With Its Mother.

Houston, Texas (Special)—In a fire which destroyed a very stable and three residences here, five persons were burned to death—J. C. Copping, a florist, his wife and three children. A negro has been arrested on a charge of having his employer for having discharged him.

In the ruins were found the bodies of the victims, among them being a infant child, which had been born to Mrs. Copping during the progress of the fire. The body was found with its mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hopper, jumped from the burning building and both were badly injured. The fire started in a hivery stable over which several families lived, and the building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived.

A couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Thompson, escaped from the building, and says she saw the Copping family run back into their rooms from the hallway, and that was the last seen of them alive.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Bryan Says He Would Not Be Editing a Paper If He Had Further Aspirations.

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—In a statement just given publicly, W. J. Bryan made it very plain that he has no intention of seeking a third nomination for the presidency. Mr. Bryan's announcement is in answer to an article in an eastern paper, suggesting that he plans as a political leader. Mr. Bryan said: "I am not planning for another presidential nomination. If I were I would not hesitate to accept it. I ever become a candidate again, it will be because it seems necessary for the advancement of the principles to which I adhere, and that does not now seem probable. I shall, however, take an interest in politics for several years yet if I live."

Carnegie's Gift to New York.

Albany, N. Y. (Special)—Governor Odell has signed the bill which authorizes New York city to accept the \$5,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie for a tree library system.

CHINESE ROUTED BY THE GERMAN TROOPS.

A Number of German Officers and Men Wounded.

BATTLES NEAR SHANSI BORDER.

The German Forces Commanded by General Kettler and the Chinese Troops Under General Lou. The Chinese Driven Back Over the Wall After a Stubborn Resistance—The Germans Storm a Position.

Berlin (By Cable)—The German War Office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldersee, dated Pekin, April 27:

"Three engagements occurred April 23 and 24 and April 24 at the Great Wall between four columns under General Kettler and the Chinese troops under General Lou. The Chinese were driven back over the wall, being pursued as far as Kuan-kou. Our casualties were four officers wounded and three men killed and 22 wounded. The French troops were not engaged."

Subsequently the following additional dispatch regarding the four engagements was received from Count von Waldersee:

"The following reports from Pekin arrived last night, owing to the difficulty of communication:

"General Kettler's brigade, reinforced, marched in four columns against the Great Wall, Colonel Ledebur's being the right wing, then those commanded by Colonel Hoffmeister, Colonel Walther and Major Hübenthal. Ledebur reached the wall April 24, after a slight engagement near Hai Shan Kwan."

"Hoffmeister drove back the enemy April 21. On the same day Hübenthal encountered a strong party of the enemy occupying a position on the heights commanding the pass. The enemy fought stubbornly in a particularly strong position, which was only taken after eleven hours' fighting."

"Hübenthal and Lieutenant Richert were slightly wounded, and Lieutenant Drewelt was severely wounded. A standard-bearer and another were killed and six men severely wounded and ten slightly wounded."

POWERS MAY AGREE ON \$200,000,000.

A Suggestion that China Make a Settlement Upon the Indemnity Plan.

Washington (Special)—The foreign establishments here are receiving a number of important dispatches relating to the question of indemnity and how it shall be guaranteed by a Chinese loan or to each of the powers individually. One of the dispatches coming through a European foreign office says that Sir Robert Hart has concluded that China can pay a total of \$200,000,000, and the impression is conveyed that this will be the amount agreed upon, the various claims being scaled down to this limit.

Another dispatch comes from a prominent Chinese official, who makes a suggestion that when the amount of indemnity is agreed upon it will be greatly to the interests of China as well as to the powers, as the amount payable to each power can be made by its own government and not by a gross payment outright. It is that case China would be compelled to negotiate a large loan, which would be a proposition that is not practical, and there is little idea that it will be favorably entertained.

Other dispatches which have passed within the last few days revive the idea of having the Hague tribunal administer the indemnities after the total is once agreed upon.

ELEPHANT DROWNS TRAINER.

He, Him Under the Water Until He Was Dead, Then the Beast Ran Away.

Penn. Ind. (Special)—Henry Huffman, well-known animal trainer, who the Wallace show met a horrible death here, being killed by "Big Charlie," a large elephant, when the animal was bathing in the Mississippi river. "Big Charlie" would his trunk about, keeping the elephant's head in the water, and not by a gross payment outright. It is that case China would be compelled to negotiate a large loan, which would be a proposition that is not practical, and there is little idea that it will be favorably entertained.

The view prevails among officials that while this proposition is fair, it is not practical, and there is little idea that it will be favorably entertained.

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MINISTER BACK SERIOUSLY ILL.

A. E. Back, of Georgia, American Minister to Japan, is seriously ill in this city. He is completing a 60 day leave and was to have sailed for his post last Wednesday. For some time he has been ill as a result of the grip. Upon reaching Washington last Monday other complications set in, and now he is confined to his apartments and only his horses are permitted to enter the room.

Sampson's Claim for Prize Money.

Hearing was begun in the Court of Admiralty in the suit instituted by Rear-Admiral Sampson and others for prize money for vessels captured off Sanago. The arguments are being the same here as those in the Admiralty Dewey proceedings.

Capital News in General.

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President McKinley wrote to Senator Daniel that he would have the Washington police restored to the Lee family. The blame mansion, near Dupont Circle, was sold to Margaret E. W. Woodhouse for \$120,000.

Rear Admiral Evans wired that the trial of the torpedo boat Bailey was successful.

Admiral Hay resigned his post as consul-general at Pretoria.

United States District Attorney John C. Rose consulted Census Director Merriam with reference to the trial of indicted communists.

M. Jules Siegrist, a former member of the French Cabinet, was a visitor at the White House.

On New Possessions.

The transport Sedgewick sailed from San Juan with 19 Porto Rican youths, who are coming to the United States to be educated.

Commissary Sergeant John Weston, charged with complicity in the conspiracy at Manila, has been dishonorably discharged and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Cuban Democrats will hold a mass-meeting in Havana, and the platform will favor acceptance of the Platt amendment and endorse the course of Governor-General Wood.

Billow, on the west coast of Mindanao Island, Philippines, was wrecked by cyclone. The barracks of the United States troops were destroyed. Loss, \$200,000.

Owing to his illness, the appointment of Brig.-Gen. William Ludlow to be military governor of the Department of the Visayas, has been revoked. A board of surgeons has made an examination on this city on a charge of having in his possession apparatus for making counterfeit money. It is charged that McDaniel has promised a subsidy of \$100,000 to the Hawaiian Islands, and has counterfeited dollars made from Mexican coins. The secret service officials claim that McDaniel was implicated with the B. Smith in robbing the Bank of England of \$250,000 by means of forged checks in 1873.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Cubans Are Settled.

The Cuban delegation completed its labors in Washington Saturday. In the morning the delegates met Secretary Root, who escorted them to the White House, where they had a final and decisive talk with the President. Then they paid a visit of courtesy to each of the officials whom they have met, and finally they started for New York, homeward bound. The proceedings at the White House were interesting and important. Senator Capote acted as spokesman for the delegation. He thanked the President for the many courtesies shown them, which they accepted as expressions of good will to the Cuban people. Senator Capote asked the President to do something for the Cubans upon an economic line, especially in the matter of reciprocal trade relations. In reply the President said it was impossible to settle the economic questions until the political questions were disposed of. He told the delegates they would be in a position to enter into negotiations with the United States as to trade relations.

Pensioners Postmasters.

Maryland.—Original—Alfred Baker, Vale Summit, So. Renewal—James C. Mullikin, Easton, Md. Renewal and re-issuance, Wm. Hoffman, Baltimore, Md. Virginia.—Original—Lawrence Lynch, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, Md. Henry Powell, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, Md. Increase—John C. Stout, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, Md. John L. Snyder, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, Md. Mexican War survivors—Restoration and supplemental—John Holland, National Military Home, Elizabeth City, Md. West Virginia.—Original—John S. Keedy, Martinsburg, So. Increase—John Holroyde, Barboursville, So. Peter Stinson, Laurel Iron Works, So. Perry G. Shaler, Aracoon, So. Allen Shields, Sutton, So.

H. W. Green has been appointed postmaster at George, Wise county, Va. (See P. L. agent resigned.)

Henry Morris has been appointed a rural free delivery letter carrier at Rossville, Baltimore county, vice Henry Levi, resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Dent, Madison county, Va., with Marston Rosser as postmaster.

Presidential Appointments.

The President has just made the following appointments:

State—John W. Garrett, Pennsylvania, secretary of legation at The Hague, Netherlands.

Treasury—Herman Ellerman, collector of internal revenue, District of North and South Dakota; Alfred W. Brown, appraiser of merchandise, district of Boston and Charleston, Mass. Justice—Earl M. Cranston, United States attorney, district of Colorado.

Interior—Henry Melrose, surveyor-general of Oregon; Harry D. Chaney, Indian agent, Crook Creek agency, South Dakota.

The Dues Are Retaliatory.

Inquiry into the protest of Sir Christopher Ferriss, head of the Furness line of steamers, that tonnage dues are charged against British vessels entering American ports, while Dutch and Danish vessels are free, disclosed that such dues are imposed because the British levy a corresponding duty on American shipping under the guise of lighthouse dues.

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