

# Washington News

Colonel John S. Mosby, the distinguished confederate leader, has been retired from the government service on account of age.

The troopers of Ft. Myer tried to break in the jail at Ft. Myer Heights for the purpose of lynching a negro, who had killed a white soldier.

The French foreign office has set August 18 as the date for the cere-

monies attending the presentation, by the state of Virginia, of the bronze reproduction of Houdon's famous statue of Washington to the people of France. The statue will be located in Paris.

An Associated Press dispatch from Beverly, the summer capital, says: "Continuing his policy of practical conservation, President Taft signed orders withdrawing 35,073,164 acres

of coal lands from the public domain in the states of North and South Dakota, Washington, Utah, Colorado and the territory of Arizona. Of the total withdrawals 20,698,469 acres are new, while 14,374,695 acres are covered on confirmations and ratifications, under the new law, approved June 25, of withdrawals made during the last four years by both Presidents Roosevelt and Taft. North and South Dakota are the two states affected by the new withdrawals. From the public domain in North Dakota the president has withdrawn from settlement 17,828,182 acres of land believed to contain workable coal. In South Dakota the amount

withdrawn is 2,870,287 acres. Previous withdrawals confirmed by the president are divided among the several states as follows: Washington, 2,207,967 acres; Arizona, 161,280 acres; Utah, 5,814,287 acres, and Colorado, 6,191,161 acres. The withdrawal orders, prepared by the geopoical survey and approved by the secretary of the interior, reached Beverly from Washington late tonight. They were sent tonight to the Taft cottage on Burgess Point, where they were signed by the president. This was announced as one of the few important matters that will be called to Mr. Taft's attention during his ten days of real vacation. All

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