

EVANS IS DISTASTEFUL

Grand Army Men Find Fault With the Pension Commission.

DISPLEASED WITH TREATMENT.

Senator Hayward Takes the Matter Up and Will Endeavor to See that Their Wrongs are Redressed—Old Soldiers on the War Path.

Lincoln dispatch. The following communication, received in Lincoln by Hon. H. C. Russell, chairman of the committee on pensions, of the Nebraska department of the Grand Army of the Republic, from Senator M. L. Hayward will be of interest to all Nebraska veterans who have had any dealings with the United States pension office during the last few years.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 7.—General H. C. Russell, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions of the Department of Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic.—Dear Sir: Yours of the 5th inst. in regard to Commissioner Evans and his treatment of pension claims is at hand. On July 12, 1899, a committee selected by the national council of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Washington to investigate all charges made against Mr. Evans and look into his manner of conducting his office. Comrade W. C. Johnson, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is chairman of such committee. I have written all comrades whom I know of that have complained against Mr. Evans and asked them to send a full statement of their cases to General Johnson, care of the Pension office at Washington, D. C., for investigation. If any comrades desire me to do so I will see that his complaint is properly aired before such committee. Yours sincerely, M. L. HAYWARD.

For several months a feeling antagonistic to Pension Commissioner Evans has been spreading throughout the country and there has been considerable complaint as to his dealing with pension claims from this state. Mr. Evans charges it to misrepresentation by pension attorneys who have at some time found it impossible to get through unmeritorious cases. There has been considerable correspondence on this subject between the Nebraska headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and people in Washington. It has been alleged by pensioners that Mr. Evans is too rigid in his rulings on pension claims and that in this respect he is following the course pursued by his predecessor, Commander Lochren, during the administration President Cleveland. It is at the request of Commissioner Evans that Commander Johnson and his committee have undertaken the investigation. The committee will be given access to all the records in the pension department and every opportunity will be afforded it, it is understood, to examine particular cases cited in support of the charges that the commissioner is unfriendly to the old soldier.

Graduating in Overalls.

From the Indianapolis Journal: Perhaps the most amusing school "racket" of the year is that reported from Lyons, Neb. The commencement season has brought the usual reports, with some variations of controversies between board and pupils, faculties and students, relating to color, to hats and gowns or some other non-essential, but in no instances has young America shown as much pluck or achieved as distinct a victory as did the high school graduating class at Lyons. The dispatch does not state the origin of the controversy beyond saying that the students had "suffered certain humiliations at the hands of the school board." Every person who knows the tendency of small officials to exercise offensive authority will understand that. By way of retaliation the graduating class adopted "Work" for their class motto and determined to receive their diplomas in "overalls." The school board endeavored to thwart this rebellious scheme by refusing to pay for the public hall, whereupon the class appealed to the public, charged an admission fee, got a great outpouring of the people to see and hear them in their overalls and made money. This so hurt the dignity of the high and mighty officials that they resigned in a body, evidently expecting the Lyons public school system to "come tumbling after," which it will not do.

The incident illustrates the tendency of some officials, who are clothed in a little brief authority, to magnify their offices and the ability of young Americans to take care of themselves. The high school graduates at Lyons could not have adopted a better class motto than "Work," and their appearance in overalls showed they attached more importance to a principle than they did to mere external appearance. In this country there is no surer guaranty of success than work and no higher badge of Americanism than overalls. The class appealed to the public on strong and tenable ground, and deserved the support it got. Perhaps the members of the board saved their dignity by resigning, but the people will not trouble themselves to inquire. They will choose another board and the schools of Lyons will go right along. Meanwhile, it is to be hoped the graduates will not forget their class motto.

E. B. Force, a prominent citizen of Beatrice, died last week.

Henry Bartenbach of Grand Island discovered the presence of a burglar in the store of his father. He quietly left to get a policeman, but not being able to find one at once, secured the assistance of Gus Evers and the two suddenly dashed into the store with the warning that if the burglar attempted to escape he would be riddled. They caught the man under a counter, and his chances for doing time in the penitentiary are flattering.

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John Philpot of Humboldt was severely burned about the face while assisting in setting off the fireworks. The accident was the result of a premature explosion of a fountain piece, which became ignited from sparks just as Mr. Philpot was stooping to put it in place. The powder flashed up in his face and for a time it was feared that he would lose his eyesight. An examination showed that the injuries were all external in character and not necessarily dangerous.

Harry Anderson of Lime Grove, near Hartington, was accidentally shot by a target gun, the ball entering his breast. The shooting occurred at St. James during the celebration.

The board of regents of the Nebraska state university will hold a special meeting about the middle of this month, called for the purpose of taking final action regarding the construction of the farm building and other improvements and at the same meeting the question of the election of a successor to Chancellor MacLean will be taken up. While several well known educators have been mentioned for the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. MacLean, it is not the intention of the board of regents to select a man unqualified in his position is thoroughly established.

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The News Briefly Told.

Wednesday.

Brigadier General Ann B. Carter, paymaster general of the army, will be retired today, having reached the age of 64 years. He will be succeeded as paymaster general by General Alfred E. Bates, recently military attaché of the United States embassy at London.

Le Bois declares that on July 15, following the national lets, General Jamont, commander in chief and vice president of the supreme council of war, will be replaced by General Brugere, who was last week appointed military governor of Paris in succession to General Burdett, removed.

The navy department has dispatched to Admiral Towner the medal awarded him by act of congress to commemorate the battle of Manila bay. The admiral's medal is identical with those sent to each man in the fleet, with the exception that his own name is engraved upon the edge.

Ambassador von Tollenben of Germany has made his farewell call on Secretary Hay and will leave here on Thursday for New York, whence he takes the steamer for home. In New York he will confer with Herr Mumm, who is to be German charge d'affaires this summer during the ambassador's absence.

The war department has let the contract for repairing and fitting the transport Thomas to the Cramps company, Philadelphia, at \$239,500. Major J. M. Carson, Jr., of the quartermaster's department, will have charge of the Thomas during the refitting and also upon its voyage by way of the Suez canal to Manila.

Charges have been filed against Indian Agent John P. Slaythoff of the White Rock Indian agency, in Nevada, alleging among other things arbitrary administration. These charges are the outcome of a dispute as to the management of the agency school and have already caused two investigations by order of the Washington authorities.

Tuesday.

The Delagoa bay award will be made in October.

Charles Mall, Belgian consul at New York, is dead.

The transport Logan will be refitted for Manila service.

The cruiser Raleigh will have repairs made costing \$245,000.

Archbishop Ireland will sail from Liverpool for New York July 12.

M. J. O'Brien has been elected president of the Southern Express company.

The Venezuelan commission has brought the chronological review up to 1841.

Ambassador Porter at Paris tendered a banquet to the members of the Venezuelan commission.

Lieutenant Frank C. Hollis, Sixth infantry, is assigned as aide on General Wheeler's staff at San Francisco.

If Senator Fairbanks does not find a suitable solution of the Alaska boundary controversy, the joint high commission will not meet in August.

Fresenden & Nachbaur, New York dry goods agents, have gone into bankruptcy. Debts, \$64,044; no assets.

Bids have been opened at Washington for the overhauling of the transport Thomas for the Manila trade.

The whaling barks California and C. W. Morgan have reported from Hako, Japan, announcing a good catch.

The proposed glove combination, with a capital of \$15,000,000 which the American Trust company of Chicago is said to be interested in forming, is likely to fall through as the result of a meeting of manufacturers who supply the jobbing trade of the country.

Lieutenant Colonel Plummer, who was appointed on the 12th, has been assigned to the Thirty-fifth infantry. He will recruit and organize this regiment at Vancouver, Wash., and command it until it arrives at Manila. This is the regiment to which Colonel Kobbé has been assigned.

The Turkish legation gave out the following: "The Turkish legation declares, in reply to the dispatch of yesterday concerning alleged disturbances in the Asiatic provinces of Van, that according to a report recently received from the governor general of this province perfect order and tranquillity prevail in those regions."

Monday.

All soldiers in the Philippines who enlisted between April 21 and October 25, 1898, whether volunteers or regulars, have been ordered home as soon as transportation could be furnished.

Minister Jackson reports to the state department that the North German Gazette has made a semi-official denial of the press report that the German government intends to annex Bear island near Spitzbergen.

Cable advices from Lisbon say the Portuguese house of peers has ratified the commercial convention between Portugal and the United States. This is the convention concluded in Washington some time ago.

A delegation of prominent citizens of Peoria, Ill., called at the White House and presented to the president an invitation to visit Peoria during his western trip in October next and take part in the ceremonies incident to the dedication of a new soldiers' monument in that city. The president accepted the invitation.

A dispatch from Rome says the German steamer Reichstag has sailed from Naples with 11,000 rifles, war material and 500 mules for the Transvaal.

Willard E. Baker, the Boston absconder, who escaped from a pair of Boston detectives just as they were leaving San Francisco for Boston, was discovered and caught by the local police in a down-town lodging house.

A special from Denison, Tex., says: The Houston & Texas Central officials state that the road between Calvert and Herne will have to be virtually rebuilt, owing to the flood and that the cost will not be less than \$500,000.

Thursday.

Advice from Dawson say that the steamer Robert Keer left there June 30, with over \$1,000,000 worth of gold dust for St. Michaels.

Lieutenant Lawson N. Fuller, ordnance bureau, U. S. A., has been ordered to the Philippines as chief ordnance officer in the field of the army operating there.

George W. Julian, the famous abolitionist, died at his home in Irvington, Indiana. He served several terms in congress. In May, 1855, he served as surgeon general of New Mexico.

Four new cases of yellow fever, all in the city of Santiago, were officially reported. Two deaths were reported. No official report was received from Boniato camp, but it is known that the situation there is serious.

Admiral Cervera and the other commanders of the Spanish fleet destroyed in the battle of Santiago, whose conduct has been the subject of inquiry by special court-martial, were acquitted and formally liberated.

Word comes from Dawson that parties arriving there from Edmouton route report a sad state of affairs on the Wind river, a branch of the Pele. About seventy-five prospectors were wintering there, and their camp was invaded by scurvy.

The convention at San Francisco of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental stations the section on botany and horticulture have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, S. A. Beach of New York; secretary, P. H. Rolfs of Florida.

The president brought before the cabinet the plan for officering the provisional army. The decision to appoint the colonels and lieutenant colonels of the volunteers from among the regular army officers who served during the Spanish war and the volunteers officers from among those who served in the volunteer army with credit or distinction, was heartily approved by the members of the cabinet.

Friday.

The English government announces that it will contribute £45,000 to the Antarctic expedition fund.

Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balances, \$279,608,571; gold reserve, \$242,168,463.

The Venezuelan arbitration commission resumed its session in Paris. Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, continued his argument in behalf of the case of Great Britain.

Consul General Osborn in a letter to Senator Thurston under date of June 10, from Apia, Samoa, states that Mrs. Osborn and his son will be compelled to return to the United States on account of ill health, the climate being very severe on white women.

The War department has granted the request of the governor of Texas for aid for flood sufferers. Such government boats as are available will be placed at the disposition of the governor and the rations asked for will be issued at once.

A general meeting of western stove manufacturers was held in Chicago behind closed doors. President Stanhope Boal of the national association, who presided, said the general advance in the raw materials used in the construction of stoves was discussed and the western manufacturers agreed to an advance of 5 per cent, to take effect immediately on all stoves and ranges.

In an attempt to save her child from death Mrs. Frank Lausman of Chicago and her 4-year-old daughter Hazel were fatally injured by being struck by an Illinois suburban train. Mrs. Lausman jumped directly in front of the engine and clapped the child in her arms, but before she had a chance to escape the two were hit by the swiftly moving train and hurled thirty feet from the tracks.

The Brooklyn Eagle received a letter from Governor Roosevelt today, accompanied by a check for \$25, for the Dewey fund. In his letter the governor says: "I enclose you a check as a slight token of my appreciation of your efforts to get some memorial and to give recognition in whatever shape the admiral himself deems best to services to the country which have justly rendered him the man of all since the civil war who stands highest in popular regard."

Thursday.

The state of Georgia has begun a war on the oil trust.

Cecil Rhodes says he is not in favor of force against the Transvaal.

The proposed strike at the Homestead plant has been abandoned.

Richard Stahl, musical director of Daly's theater, died suddenly from heart disease at his home in New York. He became ill while in Chicago with "The Runaway Girl" company upon the receipt of the news of Mr. Daly's death.

The news from The Hague announcing the unanimous vote of the peace conference in favor of holding a special conference hereafter to discuss the freedom from seizure of private property at sea in time of war is a source of great satisfaction to the administration. The American delegates had more interest in this question than any other, perhaps, before the conference.

The cruiser Newark has arrived at Valparaiso and will go to Callao, Peru, the extent of her present orders.

It is announced that the newly formed Dominion Steel and iron company will take over the Dominion Coal company and will guarantee to pay at least 6 per cent on the stock of the Dominion Coal company, which amounts to \$15,000,000.

The funeral of Bishop Newman will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Saratoga, Saturday afternoon, July 8, at 3 o'clock. The funeral address will probably be delivered by Bishop Foster, who was an intimate friend of Bishop Newman.

At an assemblage of noted men year or two ago, a lawyer who doubts the legal business of a great railway system tried to "put the person in the person of the late Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, by multistage quizzing. At last he said: "Why don't you get these railway managers to give you a pass over their roads, high-top? You can pay for it by giving them entrance tickets into heaven." "Oh, no," gently replied the bishop, "I would not part them so far from their connect in the other world."

The man who does no harm in the world does but little good. The women are wearing trains that are big enough to step on, but not big enough to see.

Last week the United States patent office issued 413 patents to inventors of the United States, and of this number 123 sold a part of their rights in their various patents before the same were issued. This would show that over 25 per cent of the inventors were successful in disposing of the whole or a part of their inventions. Amongst the large concerns who bought these patents were the following:

- Avery Stamping Co., Cleveland, O.
- Open Arc Electric Co., New York City.
- Rick & Hoffman Co., Marecon, N. Y.
- Blasius Table Slide Co., Watertown, Wis.
- Stirling Co., Chicago, Ill.
- Foster Engineering Co., Newark, N. J.
- Reeves & Co., Columbus, Ind.
- Bankers Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.
- Hoe Printing Press Co., New York City.
- American Graphophone Co., West Virginia.
- Electric Signal Co., West Virginia.
- Universal Loom Co., New York, and many others. For information in regard to patents address Sues & Co., Registered Patent Lawyers, Bee building, Omaha, Neb.

The old blue laws were probably enacted for the purpose of preventing people from painting the town red.

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Franklin county, Pa., has a new religious sect called the Fire Baptized Association. To obtain extreme sanctification the members are pledged to go through fire if necessary. They are also to keep away from buildings of public worship on the grounds that churches of the period are temples of idolatry; that money expended in erecting them could be better expended in helping the poor. The new sect prefers holding their meetings in barns or along the roadside—blizzard seasons excepted.

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