

directed the postmaster at New York to remove Otto Weis, a clerk. These removals are the first result of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's report on the irregularities in the postoffice department. The offenders are charged with being extravagant and wasteful, and awarding contracts to favored bidders. It is understood that other dismissals will follow.

The Twenty-second Infantry, until recently stationed at Fort Crook, Neb., departed on October 21 for Manila to be gone for two years. There are 465 men in the two battalions, and Colonel Henry Wygant is in command.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Bankers' association met at San Francisco, Cal., on October 21, and was addressed on the first day by several speakers, among whom was President Hardy of the association. An interesting report on the present currency system of the United States was made by the currency committee. According to this report, the national banking circulation compared with September 1 a year ago has increased \$52,827,551. The general stock of money in the United States September 1, 1903, was as follows: \$1,267,733,949 gold coin, including bullion in treasury. \$555,853,494 standard silver dollars. \$101,867,228 subsidiary silver. \$17,970,000 treasury notes of 1890. \$346,681,016 United States notes. \$418,587,975 national bank notes. Total, \$2,708,693,662. At the same date there was in circulation: \$620,375,159 gold coin. \$394,155,919 gold certificates.

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\$72,959,012 standard silver dollars. \$455,928,384 silver certificates. \$92,870,952 subsidiary silver. \$17,850,254 treasury notes of 1890. \$335,377,568 United States notes. \$399,384,930 national bank notes. Total, \$2,388,902,178, making a circulation per capita of \$29.60, compared with \$28.55 September 1, 1902. The following nominations were made for the convention: President, J. F. Bigelow of Milwaukee; first vice president, E. F. Swinney of Kansas City; executive committee, J. D. Powers of Kentucky, J. R. Mitchell of Minnesota, James K. Wilson of California, J. B. Finley of Pennsylvania, Stephen M. Griswold of New York, H. R. Dennis of South Dakota, W. K. Coffey of Wisconsin, Mills B. Lane of Georgia, William Livingston of Michigan, Charles M. Sawyer of Kansas.

The Mohawk Indian conference opened its session on October 22 at Lake Mohawk, N. Y., with ex-Secretary of the Navy Long in the chair. A summary of the work of the Indian bureau for the past year, prepared by Commissioner Jones, showed that 28,411 Indian pupils are now enrolled in schools.

Recent advices from Monastir, the scene of the revolutionary action between Macedonia and Turkey, seem to indicate that a considerable number of insurgents have surrendered in response to the sultan's call. It is said, however, that this does not indicate the collapse of the rebellion, but is in conformity with the revolutionary committee's decision to thin out the insurgent bands during the winter and retain under arms only an aggregate of about 3,500 men.

An Associated press dispatch from Panama, Colombia, says: It is reported that the difference between Colombia and Nicaragua, growing out of the aid the revolutionists of both countries received during the recent rebellions, will be arbitrated by President Diaz of Mexico.

Another bank failure was reported on October 22 when the First National bank of Alleghany, Pa., closed its doors. This failure is attributed to the run made on the bank caused by the failure of the Pittsburg Federal National some time ago. The First National bank has been in existence for thirty-nine years.

Recently Senator Morgan of Alabama indicated his intention to introduce a resolution bearing upon the canal question at the extraordinary session of congress, which is to convene on November 9. It is reported that Senator Morgan will urge the construction of the canal along the Nicaraguan route.

William H. Landvoight, chief of the classification division of the postoffice department, on October 22 presented his resignation to Postmaster General Payne. This resignation was requested by Mr. Payne as a result of the recent investigations made in the department, wherein it was made known that Mr. Landvoight had some connection with a company furnishing registry books to the department.

As a result of a clash between a mob of angry negro laborers and officers at Flushing, O., on October 23, one man was killed and several others were seriously wounded. The conflict took place in the tunnel of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

The death list of the week includes the names of two prominent persons in England. The widow of Rev. Chas. H. Spurgeon, the noted preacher, died in London on October 22, and the Rt. Hon. William E. Lecky, the well-known historian, died in the same city on October 23.

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