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**BRIEF TELEGRAMS.**

Terry McGovern got the decision over Jimmy Briggs of Celsea at the Criterion academy at Boston, Mass., in the fifteenth round.

The sale of a seat on the New York stock exchange at \$51,000 was reported. A year ago memberships were held at over \$80,000.

A San Francisco firm has made a bid for the entire issue of Hawaiian bonds, which Secretary of the Territory Carer is now engaged in floating in the eastern states.

Last week Lord Roberts received congratulations on his 71st birthday. It was in 1832 that the present commander-in-chief of the British army was born in Cawnpore.

The St. Louis court of appeals handed down a decision that the insurance company has not the right to repair damage done to property by fire without the consent of the insured.

At Springfield, Ill., a telegram was received announcing the death at Auburn Park, Ill., of Mother Stuart, the famous temperance advocate, and one of the founders of the W. C. T. U.

William H. Leavitt, the artist who married Ruth Bryan, intends to take up his residence in St. Louis until after the World's Fair, as he expects there will be remunerative work there.

President Roosevelt authorized the statement that there is no truth in the rumors of differences of opinion between himself or Secretary Shaw or among other members of the cabinet.

George Duncan, a lawyer of New York, was accidentally shot and killed near Russellville, Ky., while out hunting. He is a nephew of George B. Edwards, president of the Deposit bank.

A careful revision of the losses by the fire at Aberdeen, Wash., shows the aggregate to be \$528,000, with \$183,000 insurance. Plans for rebuilding with brick and stone are progressing rapidly.

L. J. Hart, secretary of the St. Paul, Minn., board of trade, and a prominent business man, died as a result of self-inflicted bullet wounds in the head. President Durke thinks the death was accidental.

The National Spiritualists' association of the United States and Canada met at Washington in its eleventh annual convention with nearly 400 delegates present. This is one of the largest conventions ever held.

M. Pepin, a socialist member of the Belgium chamber of deputies, was stabbed at Mons while walking on the street with some friends. There are slight hopes of his recovery. The assassin struck M. Pepin from behind and succeeded in making his escape.

One of the concluding acts of the Union Veteran Legion, which closed its annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, was the adoption of a resolution bitterly protesting against the plan of placing a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the hall of fame.

The death mask of President William McKinley, taken some few days after his death by Prof. William H. Holmes of the bureau of ethnology, has been placed on exhibition in the National Museum, occupying a conspicuous case by itself near the main entrance.

A Rome dispatch published in the Paris edition of the New York Herald says the marriage of Marquis Carlo Rudini, son of the ex-premier, and Dora, daughter of Henry Labouchere, the English member of parliament, will take place at Florence towards the end of the month.

"The Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt" is the name of a new lily which has been hybridized by Joseph Tailby of Yelley and received a silver medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural society as being the finest novelty in the way of decorative plants ever hybridized in the United States.

In the United States district court at Pittsburg, Pa., I. N. Ross pleaded guilty to an indictment for embezzling monies of the United States. Ross is the former deputy surveyor of the port, who, on September 11, took a package of money from the office of the collector of the port to be shipped to the sub-treasury in Philadelphia. The package contained \$3,900 and when received in Philadelphia \$600 was missing.

That 75 per cent of the \$4,000,000 in judgments against Chicago are based upon bogus and fraudulent personal injury claims is said to be the charge which City Attorney Smulski is prepared to make before the city hall "graft" committee.

William Dockery of Grand Rapids, Mich., will live after falling six stories to the pavement below. He landed upon a coil of rope, which broke his fall. Dockery suffered a fracture of the left wrist and right ankle, but is otherwise uninjured.

**CLERKS LET OUT**

THREE IN THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT DISMISSED.

**MORE WILL BE DROPPED SOON**

Awarded Contracts to Favored Bidders and Were Extravagant and Wasteful—One is Guilty of Petty Smuggling.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postmaster General Payne on Wednesday removed from office Michael W. Lewis, superintendent of supplies of the postoffice department; Louis Kempner, chief of the registry division of the third assistant postmaster general's office, and C. H. Terry, a \$900 clerk in the postoffice department, and 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. Information on the contemplated discharges did not leak out at the department until after 4 o'clock, and at 4:30 the postmaster general made an official announcement of his action as follows:

"Michael W. Lewis has been removed from the office of superintendent of the division of supplies because the recent investigation shows that he influenced the awarding of contracts for supplies to favored bidders; that he has been extravagant and wasteful in the administration of his office, and that he has paid excessive prices for supplies to favored contractors.

"Louis Kempner, superintendent of the registry system, has been removed for incompetency; for wasteful and reckless extravagance in sending expensive manifold registry books to a large number of small fourth-class offices, and for violating the revenue laws by a system of petty smuggling.

"C. B. Terry, a clerk in the division of the supplies, has been removed for making false affidavits; attempting to obtain money from the clerks under the guise that he could influence their promotion, and general inefficiency."

The postmaster general also stated that the postmaster at New York had been directed to remove Otto Weis, clerk in the New York postoffice, for collecting money from clerks to influence legislation and to secure promotion.

In reply to questions Mr. Payne said the discharges were the result of disclosures made by the Bristow report. "I have read the report," he said, "and am free to say that my action was the result of its perusal."

**CONTRACTOR STERN ON TRIAL**

Preliminary Hearing Before Supreme Court for Furnishing Satchels.

WASHINGTON—Leopold J. Stern, the Baltimore contractor arrested in Toronto under two warrants charging false pretense in the supply to the government of satchels for rural free delivery carriers, was given a preliminary hearing in the supreme court Tuesday. Stern pleaded not guilty. Postoffice Inspector Walter B. Mayes, who worked up the case against Stern, was called to the witness stand, but before his examination was concluded court adjourned for the day. The case will be continued Wednesday.

Assistant District Attorney Taggart reviewed the charges against Stern, who, he said, submitted a bill and received money for satchel straps which he never furnished. "The bill on its face," said Mr. Taggart, "was a lie. There were 1,557 satchels supplied, but they did not have the straps stipulated in the contract."

On cross-examination of Inspector Mayes the defense brought out the admission that Stern had claimed that he secured the permission of two postal officials to furnish the satchels without straps.

**Election Don't Affect Contract.**

WASHINGTON—On a question raised in the case of a representative elect in congress, who owns property leased to the Postoffice department, it has been decided that a contract made by the proper officer with a person who, during the existence of a contract, is elected a member of congress, is not affected by such election. This is based on a decision of Attorney General Rodney, rendered in 1809, a year after the passage of an act of congress prohibiting any member of congress from making a contract with the government.

**Admiral Glass Sails Away.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Rear Admiral Glass, with his squadron, left this port Thursday, bound for Acapulco. It is supposed that the warships are going on a practice cruise.

**Job for Senator Quay's Boy.**

WASHINGTON.—A. G. C. Quay, son of Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, has just been appointed deputy naval officer at the port of Philadelphia.

**ALASKAN AWARD.**

Canada is Not Reconciled to the Award.

LONDON.—The engrossed copy of the Alaskan award was signed at 2:10 p. m. The Canadians declined to sign the award.

The Alaskan award relating to the Portland canal gives the United States two islands, Kanagahunut and Sitklan, commanding the entrance of the Portland channel and the ocean passage to Port Simpson and destroying the strategic value of Wales and Pearce islands, which are given to Canada.

The mountain line adopted as the boundary lies so far from the coast as to give the United States substantially all the territory. The line completely clears all the bays and inlets and means of access to the sea, giving the United States a complete land barrier between Canada and the sea, from the Portland canal to Mount St. Elias. Around the head of the Lynn canal the line follows the watershed somewhat in accordance with the present provisional boundary.

In consequence of the attitude maintained by the Canadian commissioners, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone decided this morning not to hold the proposed public meeting of the Alaskan boundary commission, but to hand its decision to Messrs. Foster and Sifton, respectively agents of the American and Canadian governments.

The Canadian commissioners not only declined to sign the award, but said they would publicly withdraw from the commission.

They, as well as the Canadians connected with the case, are very bitter.

Telegrams from Premier Laurier and other prominent persons in Canada show that this sentiment is shared generally throughout the dominion.

Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette have issued a long statement in the nature of an argument explaining the contention of Canada and why it should have prevailed.

Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette will submit their contrary opinions to the tribunal, so as to go officially on record and while they declined to sign the award, they signed the maps agreed on by the majority.

**RECORD LOWERED.**

Cresceus Beats the World's Trotting Figures.

WICHITA, Kan.—Cresceus broke the world's trotting record for a mile Monday afternoon, going the distance in 1:59 1/4, beating the previous record held by Lou Dillon and Major Delmar by a quarter of a second.

The day was ideal and the track could not have been better. Mr. Ketcham worked the horse out before the final test in 2:15 and then sent him the record. He broken when he first scored for the record, but on the next attempt was sent off, going to the first quarter in :30 flat. There was a cheer when he reached the half in :59 1/4 and when the three-quarters was passed in 1:30 the cheer became an uproar.

Just before he reached the wire Cresceus broke and it is believed lost fully three-quarters of a second. He caught handily and flashed under the wire in 1:59 1/4. No wind shield was used. Cresceus was paced by Mike the Tramp.

Such an ovation as was given Cresceus when he trotted a mile in 1:59 1/4 and made a new world's record has rarely been witnessed. The stallion was nearly smothered, so eager were the people to pat him or get near enough to touch him.

George H. Ketcham, who owns Cresceus and drove him, said: "The conditions were perfect. When I was here week before last the track was wet, but I saw its advantages and determined to come back. The result justified my expectations. I knew before the race that the stallion would beat his record, but I did not anticipate a triumph so complete. I shall go to Oklahoma City and Fort Scott right away to keep engagements and that will be the last time Cresceus will appear in public."

**Steamer Loaded With Gold.**

PLYMOUTH, Eng.—The sum of \$5,000,000 in gold was landed here Friday from Bombay. This is the largest shipment ever brought to England on one steamer.

**Electric Car Attains High Speed.**

BERLIN.—An electric car on Friday in the high speed experiments on the Marienfelde-Sossen line attained the speed of 130 2/5 miles per hour.

**Annual Report of the G.**

CHICAGO—The annual report of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for the year ending June 30, just issued, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$8,843,134, and in net earnings of \$3,983,538. The surplus was increased by \$2,228,149. The report also calls attention to the fact that the length of road operated June 30 was 8,324 miles, as against 8,124 miles at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

**NAVAL STRENGTH**

SHIPS THAT ARE OWNED BY THE NATION.

**NUMBER OVER TWO HUNDRED**

The Chief of Bureau Makes His Report—Rate of Progress on Vessels Under Construction is Satisfactory and Twenty-Five Are Being Built.

WASHINGTON.—Rear Admiral Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, in his annual report to the secretary of the navy reviews at length the progress made by this government in naval construction during that period. It is shown that the following additions have been made to the effective force of the navy during the year:

One battleship, four monitors, twelve torpedo boat destroyers, one torpedo boat and seven submarine torpedo boats. The list should have been increased by two battleships and five cruisers, the report states, but owing to strikes and other causes their completion was delayed. The report states that the "rate of progress of vessels under construction at the present time presents some very encouraging indications for completions of many of the most important contracts, but, considered as a whole, the progress made during the last fiscal year has been very unsatisfactory."

Speaking of the battleship Connecticut, which is being built at a government yard, and which is a sister ship of the Louisiana, being built by a private company, the report says that although slightly behind the Louisiana, the progress made has been well up to the present previous average of contract.

Appended to the report is a complete list of all the vessels in the navy, with elaborate data concerning them, also a summary which shows there are 252 vessels in the navy fit for service, forty-five building and twenty-three unfit for sea service. Vessels fit for service, including those under repair, are as follows:

First class battleships, ten; second class battleships, one; armored cruisers' two; armored ram, one; single turret harbor defense monitors, four; double turret monitors, six; protected cruisers, fourteen; unprotected cruisers, three; gunboats, twelve; light draft gunboats, three; composite gunboats, six; training ship (naval academy), one; special class, Dolphin, Vesuvius, two; gunboats under 500 tons, twenty-one; torpedo boat destroyers, sixteen; steel torpedo boats, twenty-nine; submarine torpedo boats eight; wooden torpedo boats, one; iron cruising vessels, steam, six; wooden cruising vessels, steam, six; wooden sailing vessels, four; tugs, thirty-nine; auxiliary cruisers, five; converted yachts, twenty-three; colliers, seven; supply ships and hospital ships, fourteen.

The following are under construction or authorized: First class battleships, fourteen; armored cruisers, eight; protected cruisers, nine; gunboat for Great Lakes (not begun), one; composite gunboats, two; steel torpedo boats, six; training ships, two; training brig, one; tugs, two.

**DROPS CHIEF OF DIVISION.**

William H. Landvoigt of Postal Department Resigns Upon Request.

WASHINGTON.—William H. Landvoigt, chief of the classification division of the Postoffice department, on Thursday presented his resignation to Postmaster General Payne.

The resignation was requested by Mr. Payne as a result of the investigation by the inspectors of the charges growing out of the employment of Mr. Landvoigt's son in the General Manufacturing company of Franklin, Pa., which had a contract for supplying patented registry books to the department.

Mr. Landvoigt was chief of the registry division of the department prior to his comparatively recent transfer to take charge of the classification work of the department.

**Cullom Calls on President.**

WASHINGTON—Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, had a conference with the president. He discussed with him the Cuban reciprocity legislation to be taken up at the extraordinary session of congress next president on the award of the Alaskan boundary commission.

**River and Harbor Defenses.**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The annual report of General George L. Gillespie, chief of engineers of the United States army, for the year ended June 30, 1903, dealing with fortifications and river and harbor work, has been made public. At present there are provided for the defense of the United States 105 twelve-inch guns, 133 ten-inch guns, 96 eight-inch guns, 567 rapid fire guns and 376 twelve-inch mortars.

**FOR ANNEXATION.**

Some Canadians Favor Joining the United States.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Local feeling is very bitter over the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission. There is much talk of annexation and of Canada becoming independent. Business men are generally much dissatisfied at what they pronounce British disregard of Canadian interests to please the United States. It is a matter of comment that the loudest amongst the discontented are Englishmen residing here. Many of these say that Canada will never achieve its greatest possibilities until it becomes a part of the United States.

Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, the leading Methodist minister of British Columbia and who, with Chief Justice Hunter, constituted the Labor commission which sat this summer, in an interview here, said:

"I am a Britisher and I have always been a Britisher, but if Great Britain is to hand Canada over piecemeal to the United States, I say let us join the American republic also. By doing so now we are large enough, populous enough and important enough to have something to say regarding the terms of such annexation, and also would be potent enough to have something to say in the affairs of the republic, of which we would form a part. But if we wait until our best and richest territory is given away we shall simply be absorbed. It looks to me as if Canada had won the case and lost the territory."

Mayor Needlands of Vancouver thinks that the Alaskan award may lead to the establishment of Canada as an independent nation.

**Congratulates American Members.**

WASHINGTON.—On receipt of official advice concerning the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission President Roosevelt sent the following cablegram to Messrs. Lodge, Turner and Root, the American members of the commission:

"Congratulate you heartily in the name of the people of the United States.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

**FORGERIES OF \$63,000.**

The Bank Cashier Makes Confession of His Transgression.

PRINCETON, Wis.—J. E. Liemer, cashier of the Princeton bank, has been arrested and taken to Dartford, where he is in jail.

State Bank Examiner Bergh stated Monday night that Liemer had confessed that the forgeries amount to the sum of \$69,000.

The Princeton State bank is closed and the Monticello State bank, of which Liemer is vice president, has been ordered by the state officials not to open its doors for business for a few days.

Speculation in grain, Liemer says, was the cause. Liemer came here as cashier of the Princeton bank eight years ago, and the examiners believe that the forgeries have covered a period of six years.

**BOMBARD THE MAD MULLAH**

Italian Cruiser Has a Brush in Somaliland.

ROME—The government has received the following information concerning the engagement between the Italian cruiser Lombardia and forces of the Mad Mullah near Illig, in Italian Somaliland:

"Owing to the close watch kept on the Somaliland coast by British and Italian ships, the Mad Mullah was unable to get arms and ammunition by sea as previously. He decided to make a desperate attempt to take possession of a point on the coast with 600 men, who, on October 14, attacked the Italian boat and killed several men. The following day the Lombardia bombarded the Mullah's position and obliged his followers to retire."

**San Antonio Quarantined.**

AUSTIN, Tex.—Governor Lanham on Saturday quarantined all Texas again San Antonio on account of the yellow fever there. The order is mandatory upon all railroads to operate no trains in or out of San Antonio.

**Marking the Battlefields.**

VICKSBURG, Miss.—The Vicksburg battle park commissioners of Iowa are here engaged in marking the positions occupied by Iowa troops during the siege.

**More Mines to Be Closed.**

GALENA, Kas.—The mill and mine owners and operators of the Galena-Joplin district consummated plans on Friday for a total shut-down of the mines and mills to force the price of ore above the prices now offered by the smelting combine. Extensive operators here consider this to be the most practical and effective way of raising the price of ore and holding the price on a par with the price of pig lead.

**AT THE CAPITAL**

POSTMASTER GENERAL BARS INDICTED ATTORNEY.

**TURNING THE RASCALS OUT**

Estimates of Departmental Expense—Interior Department Will Require Less Money, but War Department Asks for a Little More.

WASHINGTON—Postmaster General Payne on Friday signed an order debarbing H. J. Barrett of Baltimore, nephew of former Attorney General Tyner and for some years law clerk and acting assistant attorney general for the department, from practice before the department. Barrett was indicted by the grand jury in connection with the investment cases.

The postmaster accepted the resignation of William H. Landvoigt, chief of the division of classification of mails of the postoffice, to take effect at the close of business Saturday.

**Estimates for Interior Department.**

The secretary of the interior has completed and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury his estimate of the appropriations necessary to conduct the affairs of the interior department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The estimate places the total requirement for the department at \$156,000,000, which is about \$3,000,000 less than the appropriation for the current year. The proposed reduction will be made in the pension bureau and the Indian office. The estimate for pensions is \$136,800,000, or \$1,700,000 less than the appropriation made for this year. There also is a cut of \$1,300,000 in the estimate for the Indian bureau. The estimate for the expenses of conducting the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indiana is \$528,655. The reduction in the pension estimate is due to the calculation of deaths of pensioners made by the commissioner of pensions.

**War Department: Estimates.**

The estimates for the war department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, show a net increase over the estimates of the previous year of about \$130,000. This, including \$16,000,000 for river and harbor improvements, for which no estimates were submitted last year. The estimate for the military, which includes the pay, equipment and supplies for the army, is about \$78,000,000, \$200,000 less than last year. The estimates for public works of a military character, which includes arsenals, forts, barracks, buildings and grounds, aggregate \$24,000,000, which is about \$16,000,000 less than last year.

**Bristow's Report Ready.**

Friday's meeting of the cabinet was brief. Only four members, Secretary Hay and Cortelyou, Postmaster General Payne and Attorney General Knox, were present. Postmaster General Payne announced that the report of Mr. Bristow on the postoffice investigation would be placed in the hands of the president either Saturday or on Monday. It has not been decided when the report will be given to the public.

**HUNTING FOR MORE FRAUDS.**

Money Made by Selling Cans and Empty Barrels.

NEW YORK.—The War department is investigating charges of wholesale fraud in the quartermaster's department on Governor's Island.

James R. Seville, who resigned his clerkship in the quartermaster's department of construction at Governor's Island, and F. H. Ewald, chief clerk of the quartermaster's department at that post, have been for years selling the empty oil cans and oil barrels that accumulate in large quantities at that post, and that no accounting has been made to the government of the proceeds. The barrels have a market value of \$1.15 each.

**Creditors Lose \$40,000.**

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A special from Mankato, Minn., says that the losses of the creditors of Alfred H. Buck, missing cashier of the Mapleton State bank, are now estimated at \$40,000.

**Plot to Kill Russian Consul.**

CONSTANTINOPLE.—In consequence of the discovery of a military plot to kill M. Belafieff, the Russian consul at Uskub, the government has rushed six battalions of troops thither from Koprulu and Perlepe.

**Cabinet in Norway Resigns.**

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY.—The cabinet presided over by Otto Biehr has resigned in consequence of a parliamentary committee's decision over the opposition in a disputed election in the Nedenaes district whereby the opposition gained four seats. A coalition cabinet, made up of conservative and moderate liberals, will be formed at once. King Oscar has entrusted Prof. Hagerup to form the new cabinet.