

FLEES UNDER FIRE

Colonel Gurko Makes This Charge Against General Stessel.

REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS

Message to Turn Command. Smirnov Disregarded.

ORDER REPEATED THREE TIMES

Finally Allowed to Stay Because of Good Work in Defense.

WOULD ABANDON PORT ARTHUR

Fact Brought to Light That General Kourapatkin Advised This Course Before the War Began.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant General Stessel was accused today of having shown the white feather under fire on two different occasions. This accusation was made by Colonel Gurko, who was on the stand as a witness before the court-martial which is trying the general for his alleged failure in the proper defense of Port Arthur. At the moment the charge was made the court was investigating the circumstances of General Kourapatkin's order dated June 15, 1904, in which General Stessel was told to turn over the command of the fortress to General Smirnov and join the Manchurian army. General Stessel refused to do this and was replaced three times. He suppressed the copy of the order addressed to General Smirnov and finally was allowed to remain at Port Arthur.

General Kourapatkin testified that early in May doubts had arisen as to the fitness of General Stessel to command the fortress owing to his nervousness. The idea was suggested by a communication sent by General Smirnov to his aide, Colonel Gurko, that Stessel was a coward and apt to leave his head during an assault and that it might be necessary to place him under arrest to prevent the fall of the fortress. General Kourapatkin after obtaining confirmation of this statement from General Smirnov, sent the order superseding General Stessel.

Answering General Stessel's query as to what grounds he had for making such a statement to General Kourapatkin, Colonel Gurko related two instances in which General Stessel had ordered his staff to scatter under fire, himself heading the dash for shelter.

Order Taken from Files. Colonel Golovin, who was in charge of the coding of messages to Port Arthur, established the receipt by General Stessel of General Kourapatkin's orders. He said he gave the order for General Stessel to assume command of the fortress to General Stessel, who after conferring with General Stessel, directed him to remove the copy from the files, and suppress the record thereof. Only five men in the fortress knew of this order.

The testimony brought to light the surprising fact that General Kourapatkin, before the war, had recommended the abandonment of the Kwang-Tung peninsula to the Chinese, who were to pay \$15,000,000 for it. He considered that the opening of Port Arthur destroyed the strategic importance of Port Arthur. General Kourapatkin said he had finally decided not to interfere with General Stessel on account of his unexpected success in holding the fortress, which theoretically required 120,000 men to be defended successfully.

LIGHT AT LAST FOR THIBET

House of Grand Lama Will Soon Be Gladdened by Presence of Newspaper.

PEKING, Dec. 18.—The throne has sanctioned the construction of a telegraph line into Lhasa, the capital of Tibet and the residence of the supreme head of the Lamas hierarchy. This innovation was recommended by the Chinese resident at Lhasa, who, since the advent of the British expedition of 1904, has been working for the enlightenment of the Tibetans. The throne furthermore will give hospitals, schools and a mail service to Lhasa, and it is expected that a newspaper has been made for permission to publish a newspaper there.

FRUIT MEN PROTECT SELF

Americans in Porto Rico Are Protesting Against Poor Shipping Facilities.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 18.—The American fruit growers of Porto Rico, representing a total investment of about \$4,000,000, have organized a committee of securing redress from alleged mismanagement of their goods in transit by the steamship companies running between here and American ports. Thousands of boxes of fruit reached New York in a decayed condition during the past few months and the reason is declared to be inadequate shipping facilities.

PERSIA ON BRINK OF TROUBLE

Situation Quiet, but Strained, Each Side Being Armed for Conflict.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, December 19, 1907.

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THE WEATHER.
Forecast till 11 p. m. Thursday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair Thursday; slightly colder.
For Nebraska—Fair Thursday.
For Iowa—Generally fair Thursday.
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:
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7 a. m. 20
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DOMESTIC.
All South Dakota appointments go over until after the holidays. Finish fight is on between the two senators. **Page 1**
Electric railroad managers agree to cents a mile in least fare that will pay in Michigan. **Page 1**
Justice Gould regards his boycott decision as having wide jurisdiction. **Page 1**

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Cab drivers' strike in New York has been settled. **Page 1**
Gold to the amount of \$109,000,000 has been imported from England and the continent. **Page 1**
Breweries of St. Louis are forced to aid the Excise commission in checking the lawbreakers. **Page 1**
Chicago "get-rich-quick broker" must answer for "high finance." **Page 2**
George W. Austin of New York has filed an injunction suit to prevent the distribution of Panama canal bonds according to the plans of Secretary Cortelyou. **Page 1**
Testimony in the Walsh trial revealed nearly \$9,000,000 of bonds in his companies in possession of his bank. **Page 1**
Pennsylvania railroad raises its dividend. **Page 1**
By agreement the meeting of the Illinois Central stockholders was postponed until today. **Page 2**

FOREIGN.
Persia is on the brink of serious trouble. **Page 1**
Fruit men of Porto Rico take steps to protect themselves against the risks of shipments. **Page 2**
Chinese government has given permission for a newspaper to be established in Tibet. **Page 2**
Polish novelist pleads for the Poles against the Germanization scheme of Prussia. **Page 1**
NEBRASKA.
La Follette's manager appears in Lincoln and organizes a fight in the Lincoln campaign senatorial candidacy. **Page 2**
Reports of state institutions show that all are being maintained within the amount appropriated for them. **Page 2**
Attorney General Thompson holds the new eight rulings of Food Commission in Johnson is good. **Page 2**

LOCAL.
President and Mrs. Guy W. Wadsworth entertain the Bellevue foot ball team at a banquet Tuesday evening. **Page 4**
Omaha bankers are eager to loan money, but Omaha merchants are not lending badly, having no unusual obligations to meet. **Page 11**
Several women in the Hanscom park district are worked by an agent for portrait firm and police are notified. **Page 11**
Postmaster Palmer declares postal savings banks would prevent the flow of money from this country to Europe. **Page 5**
Mrs. George H. Kelly gives largest card party of the season with more than 100 guests. **Page 5**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.
Live stock markets. **Page 5**
Grain markets. **Page 5**
Stocks and bonds. **Page 5**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Arrived. Bailed. Sailed.
NEW YORK. Calumet. Oceanic.
LIVERPOOL. Calumet. Oceanic.
HAMBURG. Calumet. Oceanic.
HAVRE. Calumet. Oceanic.
MANTON. Calumet. Oceanic.
ST. LOUIS. Calumet. Oceanic.
VENICE. Calumet. Oceanic.
LONDON. Calumet. Oceanic.
GLASGOW. Calumet. Oceanic.
BRISBANE. Calumet. Oceanic.

REMOVER CAUSE OF SUICIDE

Walter D. Gray Ends Life at Denver by Shooting Himself in a Saloon.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—Walter D. Gray, who shot himself in the head in the presence of twenty customers in a saloon here shortly after midnight last night, died at the county hospital this morning. He did not regain consciousness after shooting himself.

At the bar of the saloon in which the shooting was done, Gray wrote upon a piece of paper the following address: "Walter D. Gray, 277 Kentworth avenue, Chicago, Ill."

In his pocket was found the following note: "A man may give his wife a piece of his mind if he chooses, but he shouldn't break the piece."

Gray arrived in Denver last Monday morning and registered at a hotel. Since then he had been drinking heavily and yesterday he was fined \$5 on a charge of drunkenness and disturbance.

Evidence was given that he had threatened the lives of the manager, clerk and bellboy in the hotel. He talked recklessly but incoherently about some disgrace brought upon his family.

KNOX DRAWS LIQUOR BILL

Measure to Prevent Federal Interference With Local Prohibition Laws.

ACTS ON TILLMAN'S SUGGESTION

Proposed Measure Subjects C. O. D. Packages to Laws of State Where They Cross the Line—Culbertson Talks on Finance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In the senate today resolutions were introduced by Senator Tillman asking the Interstate Commerce commission to report whether any corporation engaged in interstate commerce is the owner of stock of any other corporation transporting passengers and freight and calling upon the Interstate Commerce commission to define the authority of the federal government and of the states in respect to the control of the liquor traffic through the operation of the interstate commerce law.

These resolutions provoked considerable debate and were finally referred to senate committees, though one of them was transformed into a bill by Senator Knox at the request of Senator Tillman.

Tillman's liquor resolution, which was introduced by the committee on finance to investigate and report on the cause of the present financial stringency and to recommend measures for the prevention of its recurrence. The resolution was referred to the committee on finance.

Senator Tillman today introduced the following resolution: "That the committee on interstate commerce be instructed to consider and report by bill or otherwise what legislation is feasible or necessary to enable the states in the exercise of their police powers to control the commerce of liquors and alcoholic beverages within their borders so as to aid the cause of temperance and to prevent the encouragement by the United States government of illicit dealing in the same."

Mr. Tillman said his purpose was to prevent circumvention of state prohibition laws. He said: "The courts have held that these laws interfere with interstate commerce. On this account I have introduced this resolution."

Mr. Tillman said the express companies are flooding local option southern states with whisky from other states "C. O. D." and the supreme court of the United States has held that such traffic cannot be interfered with because of its interstate character.

He said his resolution sought to define the point at which the police power of the state begins and determine how far congress can go in limiting the control over interstate traffic in intoxicating beverages.

Mr. Knox Draws Bill.

A general discussion concerning the powers of the federal government was precipitated.

Mr. Knox suggested that the whole difficulty could be reached through a bill.

DECISION HAS WIDE EFFECT

Justice Gould Regards Boycott Injunction as Restraining Acts Outside Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—After hearing arguments on various points in the case, Justice Ashley M. Gould today signed the decree temporarily restraining and enjoining the American Federation of Labor, its officers and all others, from interfering with the business of the Buck Store and Range company and from declaring and threatening any boycott against it. All attempts of counsel for the American Federation of Labor to modify the decree failed except in one particular, and that was to exclude from the order the Electrotypers, Moulders and Finishers' union No. 17, against which it was shown no specific allegation had been made.

Justice Gould took occasion to dwell upon the question of jurisdiction. He said there would be no attempt made by the court to assume jurisdiction beyond the confines of the District of Columbia, but that its order was operative upon all persons defendant who are within the District of Columbia. An act, he said, committed by an agent or associate of one of these defendants outside the District of Columbia would be held as the act of the person within the District of Columbia so ordering it and subject such person to the punitive power of the court. He believed the decree should be very broad and that he need not be too specific. It was, he said, very broad in its scope, but it was not intended, because he was not enjoining ignorant men, but men who knew their rights, and he knew the law. Mr. Gompers, he said, was one of these.

BREWERS AID COMMISSION

Official of St. Louis Calls Upon Them to Keep Lid Down on Restrained Days.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Excise Commissioner Mulvihill announced today that every brewer in St. Louis and East St. Louis, together with the four leading breweries of other cities having depots here, have formally made a written pledge to him that they will not sell beer or other supplies to any saloon or "flat" club which is not a member of the local association of brewers.

"This agreement was reached after I had issued a call for a meeting of accredited representatives of every brewery doing business in St. Louis," Commissioner Mulvihill said. "I gave these gentlemen two alternatives: Either co-operate in upholding the law by refusing to supply illegal clubs or expect to see less saloons in St. Louis."

RAILROAD DIVIDEND RAISED

Pennsylvania Company Declares Semi-Annual Dividend of Four Per Cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The directors of the Pennsylvania company, which operates Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, today raised the dividend on the stock of the company from a 6 to 8 per cent. dividend. The new dividend is 8 per cent. The company's stock is now at 104 1/2.

VAIN SUITOR KILLS HIMSELF

Young Man Resorts to Bullet When His Sweetheart Rejects His Proposal.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—J. M. Hoffman, 23 years of age, shot and killed himself this morning because Laura Mooney last night rejected his proposal of marriage. The young woman, a waitress in a restaurant, is in a state of hysteria as a result of the tragedy.

CAB DRIVERS RAISE PROTEST

Object Seriously to Compromise with Owners Made by Their Association.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—After twelve hours of strike the executive committee of the Cabmen's union agreed to a compromise with the owners and ordered the men back to work. The men objected seriously to the compromise and a great majority demanded that the strike continue until they get everything they had asked for. The compromise provides that the men shall receive \$5 a week instead of \$4 which they now get, and the matter of hours is left to arbitration. The men want twelve hours of overtime, but the employers are willing to grant them only ten. When the agreement was announced the men became so violent in their objections to the compromise that the police were called to drive them out of the hall, which was done with much difficulty. The drivers, however, insisted that they would remain on strike in spite of the agreement made by their committee.

CANAL BOND ISSUE ENJOINED

G. W. Austin of New York Calls Secretary Cortelyou Into Court.

BANK PREFERENCE QUESTION UP

Declares He Is Prepared to Take Three Million Dollars Worth at 103.375 When They Are Turned Over.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Justice Gould of the district supreme court today cited George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, to appear in court January 3 to show cause why he should not be enjoined from turning over or delivering the balance of the \$2,000,000 of the Panama canal bonds to certain banks and persons to whom he has announced allotments. The citation issued by Justice Gould is based on a petition filed by George W. Austin of New York, who describes himself as a taxpayer and property owner in the United States and who declares he made a proposal to purchase bonds of the advertised issue of the face value of \$3,000,000. He avers he had agreed to pay \$108.75 and accrued interest per \$100, and on notice of the acceptance of his subscription stands ready to deposit the amount with the assistant treasurer at New York.

Mr. Austin informs the court that he had been advised through the public press that in direct violation of the statutes and in absolute disregard of the Treasury department's circular of the \$2,000,000 of the bonds allotted, only \$3,000,000 were allotted to persons who were individual bidders and who in accordance with the statutes and said circular were given an equal opportunity to subscribe therefor; the remaining \$2,000,000 were allotted to divers national banks, and only \$3,000,000 of which were allotted to banks which had offered a higher price than that bid by him.

When he learned that his bid had been ignored and no allotment made to him, he says he complained to the department and the response convinced him of the secretary's intention to disregard the statutes, and thereby commit a malfeasance, for which, he says, Mr. Cortelyou is not a man of sufficient means to answer to the citizens of the United States and to him.

In his petition Mr. Austin also refers to the bid of one George A. Romar of New York City, who had complied with the terms of the secretary's circular in every particular, but whose bid was ignored. It is stated that Mr. Romar offered bids for \$2,000,000 at 103.375, \$1,000,000 at 103.375 and \$1,000,000 at 103.375, and that a further bid for \$1,000,000 was made by Mr. Romar at a price of 103.375.

The petition concludes with the declaration that by reason of the secretary's having ignored these bids, the "United States and the citizens thereof, irrespective of the fact of said bids, had been deprived of and will be deprived and defrauded of several hundreds of thousands of dollars."

JEWELERS' BANK IS CLOSED

Massachusetts Institution Whose Vice President Was Found Dead Going Overboard.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 18.—The Jewelers' National bank of this town, whose vice president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead in a bathtub in his apartment last night, failed to open its doors for business today. A notice, posted on one door, stated that the bank would remain closed pending an examination of its affairs. Bank Examiner Alfred Ewer and Harry N. Currier are making an investigation.

Medical Examiner S. Holden stated today that he had not given the cause of the death of Mr. Sargeant as "accidental drowning," as reported last night, but simply as "drowning." Further than this he declined to discuss the case.

According to the last statement of the bank the capital was \$200,000, surplus and undivided profits, \$80,000; deposits, \$1,500,000, and loans and discounts \$17,700.

The bank was the successor of the Attleboro National bank, which was organized for the convenience of the jewelry trade in that district.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The president of the Jewelers' National bank of North Attleboro, who lives in this city, said today: "The sudden death of Cashier Sargeant naturally excited suspicion and caused an immediate investigation of the condition of the bank. This shows that Mr. Sargeant had exceeded his authority and thereby subjected the knowledge of the directors, he made loans to local concerns in which he was interested. The directors, pending the examination, decided it best for the bank to remain closed."

FREEDOM MAKES THEM AFRAID

Convicts After Long Term in Sing Sing Land Friendship in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Francis Hoffman is in New York after forty-seven years spent in Sing Sing prison. With him is Thomas O'Shea, who has served twenty-two years in prison. Both are at the home of the Volunteers of America where Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, known to the Sing Sing prisoners as "Little Mother," promises to care for them. Both have been paroled, having been sentenced to imprisonment for life. The two men were brought to New York by the warden of the prison, to whom they stuck closely until they were turned over to Mrs. Booth. Hoffman says he hasn't a friend in the world and is afraid to be alone outside the grey walls that are the only home he knows.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE FAILS

Justice Kellogg Directs Verdict in Favor of Vice President of Railroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Alfred H. Smith, vice president of the New York Central railroad company, was acquitted today of a charge of manslaughter in the third degree, brought in connection with the wreck of the Brewster express at Woodlawn last February, in which twenty-four persons were killed. Justice Kellogg directed the verdict.

SMITH GETS A LIFE TERM

Murder Verdict Returned Against Negro as Result of Crag Game Affair.

Ed. Smith, a South Omaha negro, will have to serve the rest of his life in the penitentiary for killing Charles Singleton, another negro, as the result of a quarrel over 25 cents. The jury in Judge Troup's court returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree last night and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. The jury had little trouble in reaching an agreement. It went out at 5 o'clock and the verdict was agreed upon at 7:40, after the return from dinner.

The shooting of Singleton occurred near Twenty-sixth and N streets, South Omaha, October 22. Singleton and Smith had been shooting craps in a pool hall and Smith had won 25 cents. This angered Singleton, who picked the money up and threw it on the floor. All of it was recovered but 25 cents, and when Singleton refused to make the amount good Smith went to his room, secured a pair of shoes, which he pawned for a revolver, and returned to the pool room. He shot Singleton twice, one bullet passing through the abdomen and causing his death a few days later. The shooting occurred in front of the pool hall, in plain sight of several people.

Smith went on the witness stand Wednesday morning and declared the killing was in self-defense.

"Singleton said he would kill me," he testified, "and I got the gun to protect myself. He jumped at me with a knife in his hand and I shot him to keep him from cutting me."

A half dozen witnesses who saw the shooting testified on both sides, but none of the others testified that Singleton had a knife. Most of them declared he had his hands in his pockets when the shooting was done.

WILL DISCHARGE RECEIVERS

This Is Plan of Those in Control of Westinghouse Concerns at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—Following several conferences between the receivers and creditors of the Westinghouse concerns, the plan formulated for working out all details of the problem has been agreed upon. Everything connected with the affairs of the corporations show a most hopeful situation. A detailed plan of all these matters may be made public soon.

From another source came a report, said to be authoritative, that plans had been practically accepted by which the Westinghouse corporations would be put in such shape that the receivers could be discharged within ten days.

Everything in Pittsburgh was declared to be in fine shape and it is understood a meeting will be held in New York tomorrow between officials of the corporation and some of the larger creditors of the metropolis.

WALSH GOLD BOND JUGGLER

His Bank Held Nearly Nine Million Dollars of Property in His Enterprises.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—National Bank Examiner E. P. Moxey, the last important witness for the government, was on the witness stand during Banker Walsh's trial today. Reading of copies of bond sales from books of the Walsh bank and the three Walsh banks constituted the greatest part of his testimony. It tended to show, according to the assistant district attorney, that whenever Walsh needed money for his personal enterprises, he issued bonds bought them at his own price and sold them to the banks. The government claims that when the banks were suspended they held bonds and bond certificates of four Walsh enterprises amounting to \$8,328,000.

INTERURBAN FARE COMING UP

Michigan Managers of Electric Lines Say Fare Must Be Two Cents a Mile.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 18.—Every interurban electric railway in the state and nearly all the city lines were represented at a conference held here yesterday with the state railroad commission. The electric managers declared that it costs more to haul freight by electricity than by steam. It was agreed by nearly all the managers present that passenger rates on interurban lines cannot be profitable at less than 2 cents per mile.

SUNDAY FIGHT IN MICHIGAN

Church Member at Bay City Files Charge Against Managers of Theaters.

BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 18.—William J. Daut, manager of the Alvarado theater, and J. D. Philmore, manager of the Elbow theater, were arrested yesterday on warrants charging them with giving out tickets last Sunday. The complaints were made by Allan McDwan, a prominent member of the First Baptist church. Pleas of not guilty were entered and the cases were adjourned until December 21.

BUSSE'S MEN ON DEFENSIVE

Decision of Supreme Court of Illinois Affects Chicago Board of Education.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—The supreme court today held that Mayor F. E. Chicago had no power to remove the appointees of Mayor Dunne on the Chicago Board of Education and directs States Attorney Healy by a writ of mandamus to file quo warranto proceedings against the Busse appointees, directing them to show by what authority they hold their offices.

STEAMER GRANT DOCKS SOON

Vessel Carrying Secretary Taft Near Suble Island—Wireless Message to Shore.

SABLE ISLAND, N. S., Dec. 18.—The steamer President Grant, from Hamburg for New York, was in communication with the Marconi station when ninety miles southeast at 7:40 a. m. It will dock at New York about 3:30 p. m. Friday, Secretary Taft is on board the Grant.

HUNDRED MILLIONS OF GOLD

Total Importation During Present Movement Has Reached This Amount in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Irving National Exchange bank today announced an engagement of \$700,000 gold for import. This makes a total of \$100,000,000 engaged during the present movement.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

Neither of South Dakota Senators Inclined to Yield on Appointments.

ALL GO OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Contest Waged, With District Attorney's the Storm Center.

HARLAN CALLS ON PRESIDENT

Nebraskan Has a Controversy on Tap With Governor of Alaska.

OMAHA INDIANS COMING HOME

Proposal to Take Portion of Trust Funds of the Ute Indian Tribe to Assist the Renegades Now in Sioux Country.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Every appointment made during the present session of congress affecting South Dakota will go over until after the holidays. Senator Harlan saw the president this morning, ostensibly for the purpose of presenting the compliments of the season to him, as he leaves for South Dakota Friday, but during his interview politics were talked and a line of procedure relative to appointments now pending before the committee of the senate for confirmation undoubtedly was agreed to. Of this, however, Senator Harlan would not speak, knowing that his friend, Mr. Wagner, is held up by Senator Kittredge, who will not permit Wagner's confirmation if he can prevent it.

In all the country there is no more interesting fight between factions of the same party than South Dakota presents and the result will be watched with intense interest, for it possibly means the undoing of Senator Kittredge should he lose out in this contest and the possible election of Governor Cos. I. Crawford as his successor. Diplomacy has ceased to be a factor in the solution of federal appointments and open warfare has been declared on both sides.

Harlan Has a Fight on Hands.
Senator Burkett introduced N. V. Harlan of Nebraska, United States attorney for Alaska, to the president today. There is a fight on between the governor of Alaska, W. B. Hoggatt, and Judge Harlan. Harlan is a bitter enemy of Governor Hoggatt and called at the White House today to have his say first. The governor, it is hinted, intends to file charges against Harlan, because the latter tried to break up gambling joints in Valdez.

All other towns have "gone good," that is to say, have shut up open gambling houses. Valdez is still wide open. District Attorney Harlan is a candidate for the vacant judgeship in Alaska. He probably will not get it. Hoggatt, however, has an influence with the administration.

When asked if he had told the president that rumors regarding his vice presidential bid were wholly untrue, Mr. Burkett replied by saying that politics was not even talked of and he certainly would not tell the president about anything which had nothing to do with his foundation or color.

Job for Newspaper Man.
Senator Brown has appointed Frank Edgerton of the Lincoln Star to a position with his new committee. Mr. Edgerton was formerly principal of the Fremont high school and is a University of Nebraska graduate.

Office With Small Pay.
Congressman Hainshaw has recommended the appointment of Joseph W. Vrana as postmaster at Edholm, Butler county. This office pays in the neighborhood of \$15 per year, but has been sought after with as much enthusiasm as if it paid \$1,000. It is one of those offices where the postmaster sends tired of going the Congress about sixty days and another recommendation must be made.

Indians Ready to Come Home.
Senator Burkett today introduced in the senate a bill submitted to the house several days ago by Congressman Boyd, to take the place of a bill introduced by him in the early days of the present session, authorizing the Omaha tribe of Indians to submit their claims for redress to the United States court of claims. This action grew out of a conference held with the delegation of Omahas yesterday afternoon.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has allowed and concluded negotiations with them today and they will start for home tomorrow.

Thomas Sloan, one of the attorneys for the Omaha tribe of Indians, in explaining the bill introduced by Senator Burkett today, said the bill of Congressman Boyd was less objectionable than the bill introduced last year, for the reason that the former bill recognized a contract that had not been approved by the secretary of the interior. This feature was stricken out by Congressman Burkett by the delegation of Omahas Indians, and their attorneys with Senators Burkett and Brown and Congressman Boyd it was thought best to free the bill of all its objectionable features and offer a measure that would receive the support of congress and hence the senate will not be conforming to one introduced by Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Sloan will go to Hampton, Va., to visit the school from which he graduated before returning to Nebraska.

Congressman Boyd has introduced a private pension bill for Henry Kennedy of Norfolk for \$20 per