

Fair and cool tonight;
warmer tomorrow; light to
fresh west winds.

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LOCAL POSTOFFICE A "GRAFT" DUMP FOR POLITICIANS

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Were Directed by the De-
partment," or Had "All
the Force of a Direction."

CIVIL SERVICE REPORT

Nearly 400 Persons Improperly
Appointed in Past
Year—Rural Delivery Ser-
vice Was "Packed."

Postmaster General Payne made public this morning the report of the Civil Service Commission upon alleged violations of civil service laws in the Washington Postoffice. The report is long, and accompanying it is a mass of testimony obtained by the special agents of the commission.

The report finds that there have been violations of the regulations in the transfer from outside offices to this city of persons not entitled to civil service positions.

In fixing the responsibility the report continues:

"The investigation seems to show clearly that most of the irregularities herein set forth were directed by the department, or requested or suggested by high departmental officials, and in either case came to the postmaster with all the force of a direction."

The report says further:

"Of the application of this practice to the Washington postoffice it may be said that at least twenty persons were appointed to outside offices shortly before, and transferred to the Washington office shortly after, the establishment of free delivery in said outside offices."

"Eighteen of the twenty employees were either in unclassified positions in the Government service in Washington, or retired in Washington or its vicinity at the time of their nominal appointment."

"Only six ever entered upon duty in the outside offices."

"Eight of them have been continuously in the Government service in Washington from dates preceding their nominal appointments to outside offices to the present time, the formality of appointment and transfer having caused no break in their service."

"Ten of the employees took the oath of their nominal appointments in Washington, seven took it in the outside offices, and three have no recollection of taking it at all. Four drew pay from the outside offices, but did no work there, and one drew pay from the postoffice at Salisbury, Md., for seven months, serving there four or five weeks, and the remainder of the time in the Washington postoffice."

Co-operation Needed.

"Most, if not all, of these cases involved the co-operation of the postmasters at the several outside offices with the department in evasion of the law, and the Washington postmaster was similarly involved by the subsequent transfers of the persons so appointed."

"The commission issued certificates of these transfers under protest and endeavored to stop the practice, insisting upon actual service in the outside office prior to transfer, when it found that persons who had not so served were being transferred."

"From March, 1897, to May, 1902, there were fifty-six transfers to the Washington Postoffice, while during the same period there were only thirty-four transfers to the postoffices in Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New Orleans, and Pittsburgh, each of which has a greater population than Washington."

Looking Ahead.

"Closely akin to the cases just considered are those of at least four employees appointed in small offices shortly before their consolidation with the Washington office, who were appointed in order that they might be covered by the classification, rather than in the interest of the service."

Of the fifty-nine laborers in the local postoffice, seventeen are said to be performing duties of a classified nature.

WEATHER REPORT.

There will be rain tonight and tomorrow in the Gulf States, and showers in New York. In the Ohio Valley the weather will be fair, followed by rain tomorrow in the lower portion. In the Middle Atlantic States the weather will be fair, while in the south Atlantic States, fair tonight will be followed by showers tomorrow. Temperatures will rise slowly after tonight.

TEMPERATURE.

a. m.	51
2 a. m.	51
p. m.	62

THE SUN.

un sets today	7:38 p. m.
un rises tomorrow	4:22 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

high tide today	4:40 p. m.
high tide tomorrow	5:15 p. m.
low tide tomorrow	10:34 a. m., 10:58 p. m.

CANAL TREATY HELD UP BY RAILROADS

Transcontinental Freight
Interests Opposed.

LOBBYING IN COLOMBIA

Ready to Spend Millions in Order to
Defeat the Waterway
Project.

Lobbyists representing the millionaire owners of the transcontinental railway system are now charged with responsibility for the delay in the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty by Colombia. The men are on the ground and with millions of dollars to spend, and they are spending it.

The facts as to just what is being done were brought to the city this morning by a well known railroad man who has only recently returned from Bogota.

Big Interests Opposed.

The interests which have contributed to the fund to secure votes of Colombian legislators are Morgan, Hill, Rockefeller, Gould, Harriman, and others, controlling the Union Pacific, the Canadian Pacific, and Central Pacific, the Texas Pacific, the Southern Pacific, and nearly every other railroad in the country.

The lobbyists who formed the third house in Washington during the fight for the treaty in Congress, re-enforced by a number of Central American lawyers, politicians and revolutionists, are in Bogota and the other cities of Colombia.

It is said that the vast railroad interests are willing to pay even more than the ten million dollars offered by the United States, if the treaty is rejected.

Must Offer More Money.

An emissary of the Colombian government is now on his way to Washington for a conference with the President, but it was said this morning that unless the United States offers more money than that already agreed upon, the conference will come to naught.

"The men who control the big 'cross-country lines cannot afford to have the canal built," said the railroad man who gave out the facts, "because it will come near bankrupting some of them."

"President Roosevelt, however, is determined that a canal shall be built, and he announced the other day to a friend:

"If Colombia does not come to terms on June 22, or a few days later, I shall reopen negotiations with Nicaragua."

"Consequently," the railroad man concluded, "the fight is not going to be ended when the contest between Uncle Sam and the greatest combination of private capital ever known closes with the defeat of the treaty in Colombia."

SUIT INSTITUTED AGAINST WATSON

Automobile and "The News"
Plant Attached.

HIS SUCCESSOR APPOINTED

J. W. Peed Named to Vacancy—Com-
missioners Demand Report From
the Auditor.

The "red devil" auto, the property of James M. A. Watson, Jr., was attached this morning by the Commissioners. The attachment was the result of a civil suit, by the Commissioners, in the District Supreme Court, against James M. A. Watson, Jr., to recover \$10,182.79, alleged to be due on accounts stated between them and the defendant.

The proceedings are based on the affidavit of James T. Petty, Auditor for the District, who says that Watson fraudulently contracted the debt and incurred the obligation, and that Watson has assigned, conveyed, disposed of and secreted his property with intent to hinder, delay and defraud the District and his creditors.

It is stated that funds were kept separately on deposit in the Traders' National Bank. The amounts particularly specified in the affidavit are: July 12, 1899, \$693.53; July 21, 1899, \$3,721.10; November 22, 1899, \$1,532.09; February 25, 1900, \$1,903.23; February 20, 1901, \$2,282.79, aggregating \$10,182.79. These funds, it is said, he appropriated fraudulently and unlawfully to his own use.

The Commissioners are represented by Corporation Counsel Duvall and Assistant Counsel E. H. Thomas.

Writs of Attachment Issued.

As soon as practicable after the proceedings were begun writs of attachment were issued against the property of Watson.

The first piece of property found by Deputy Marshals Turner and Callahan was Watson's "red devil" auto, which they seized in front of the Home Life Company, at Fifteenth and G Streets northwest. The auto was brought to the City Hall and turned over to the United States Marshal for the District. The machine will be placed in some storage house for safe keeping.

Plant of "The News" Attached.

Under authority of a writ issued in connection with the same proceedings the publishing plant of "The News" was attached. This property, it is said, also belongs to Watson. A day or two ago, however, it was stated that "The News" plant was owned by Mr. Bryant, Watson's father-in-law. The attachment, it is said, will not interfere with the publishing of "The News," for the present, at least.

It was also stated that the payment of a check, made by Watson recently, and payable at a local bank, has been stopped and the check attached.

In speaking of the writs of attachment issued against the property of Watson and their execution, Stuart McNamee, one of his attorneys, said this afternoon that the attachments made are illegal. He will, in two days, the time required for notice to the Commissioners, file a motion in the Supreme Court of the District asking that the writs of attachment be quashed and Watson's property returned to him.

Pledged Automobile.

It was learned by the Corporation Counsel that Watson yesterday gave a check to the bonding company for \$1,000 on the Citizens' National Bank, and pledged the automobile for security. The counsel took immediate steps to forestall the payment of the check. An attachment was issued against the vehicle, and the bank was garnished for the money represented in the check. This, of course, will stop the proceedings in that direction for obtaining the bond for Watson's bail.

It was found that Watson had \$500 on deposit in the Citizens' Bank and a small deposit of about \$250 in the Central National Bank.

Commissioner West this morning made a formal demand upon Auditor Petty for his report upon the defalcation. The Commissioners are yet somewhat in the dark as to the amount taken by Watson, and they cannot act with intelligence until it is known. Mr. Petty explained to the Commissioners the difficulty in his way in the examination of the accounts, and promised to be as expeditious as possible. He thought he might be able to report by Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

Commissioner West today decided to appoint J. W. Peed, now employed in the office of the auditor of station accounts of the Southern Railway Company, to the position made vacant by the dismissal of Mr. Watson. Mr. Peed has worked for the Southern Railway Company continuously for many years, and came with indorsements of the highest character.

Arrangements for Bail.

Justice Pritchard decided this morning that the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, of Scranton, Pa., is authorized to do business in the District, and would be accepted as bail for Watson. Counsel for Watson late yesterday afternoon offered this company as bond for Watson.

It was then decided that the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, of Scranton, would become bail for Watson. Arrangements were made to bring Watson from the jail to the City Hall at 3 p. m., when the bond would be executed for the sum of \$20,000.

ALBANIANS ATTACK SULTAN'S PALACE

Finally Overpowered by the
Asiatic Regiment.

PANIC IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Abdul Hamid's Foresight Prevents Con-
summation of Serious Rebellion
Against His Authority.

BERLIN, June 13.—The "Tageblatt" reports that a serious revolt was begun today by the Albanian troops garrisoning the Sultan's palace in Constantinople.

A fierce fight occurred within the walls of the Yildiz-Kiosk between the revolutionaries and the Asiatic regiment.

Albanians Overpowered.

The Albanians were finally overpowered, after several had been killed and many wounded. The incident, following so closely on the assassinations at Belgrade, caused a big panic in the palace and the city.

There are 20,000 troops in all garrisoned in Constantinople, most of them in the vicinity of the palace. These include two regiments of Albanians, which are usually given, the place of honor, nearest the Sultan.

Since the trouble in Albania, however, the Sultan has added two Asiatic regiments to his bodyguard, as an offset for any possible disaffection in the Albanian ranks.

Does Not Trust Troops.

The immediate person of the Sultan is not guarded by troops, but by about a score of palace officials.

The report placing the fight in the Yildiz itself is probably an error as to location. The Yildiz is only a big mansion and not roomy enough for a fight between any great number of men.

The revolt may have occurred in one of the courtyards near the palace.

LADY TENNESSEE COOK GRANTED NEW TRIAL

LONDON, June 13.—The court has granted a new trial to Lady Tennessee Cook, formerly Miss Claflin, of New York, who, on March 3 last was ordered to pay her private secretary, a man named Wallace, £550 damages for libel.

The charges against Lady Cook grew out of her hiring Wallace to watch the movements of her former husband, Lord Francis Hope.

AUTOMOBILE COMBINE TO CONTROL THE INDUSTRY

Manufacturers Pool Their Rights Under Selden Patent.
\$70,000,000 Invested in the New Enterprise.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, a new combination, will in future control the automobile industry of the United States.

The sum of \$70,000,000 is invested in it by manufacturers, and it consists primarily of nineteen makers of gasoline cars. These have signed a nine-year agreement, and pooled their rights under the Selden patent. This is for the purpose of restricting the infringements of all patents.

In addition to the fundamental Selden patent, the association controls about 500 others. The officers of the associations are: President, R. L. Smith, Olds Motor Works, Detroit; vice president, Barclay H. Warburton, Searchmont Automobile Company, Philadelphia; gen-

ADMIRAL ADDS 50 TONS TO BATTLESHIP'S WEIGHT

Added Avoirdupois Accounted for by
Presence of Staff.

The Navy Department statisticians have decided that the presence of an admiral on board a battleship adds fifty tons to that craft's weight.

In addition to the added presence of his gold-laced staff, who are generally large, well-fed, ample-waisted gentlemen, the admiral must have an extra boat for his own personal use, two extra bath tubs, one for his own use, and one for the use of the guests he is supposed to entertain, and a large number of flags, books, and instruments that are inseparable from the dignity of the commander of a fleet.

The heavy thinkers of the department are now engaged upon the problem of reducing this weight as far as possible by cutting off such articles as can be spared by the admiral. Up to date they have got no further than the extra bath tub, which they are inclined to regard as an unnecessary luxury.

It is not absolutely necessary, they believe, that the admiral and his guest should bathe at the same time and the guest should be willing to use the admiral's tub.

SERVIAN ASSASSINS MUST ANSWER TO EUROPEAN POWERS

"WYOMING" NOW STANDS
IN WHITE HOUSE STABLE

President May Ride His New
Saddle Horse Today.

EX-SENATOR PEPPER CALLS

Senator Culberson of Texas Presents
Claims of Aspirant to Dallas
Postmastership.

President Roosevelt's new saddle horse, presented to him by the citizens of Douglass, Wyo., near Cheyenne, when the President visited the latter city a fortnight ago, has arrived at the White House stables. The President has renamed the horse "Wyoming" in compliment to the donors, and, if possible, will take a ride on his new mount today.

Not to be outdone by the citizens of Douglass, the Cheyenne people presented to the President a horsehair bridle, a saddle, blanket, spurs and girth, making a striking combination. On his rides about Washington, however, the President will probably use his own saddle most frequently.

Some of the Callers.

Frederick W. Hollis, of New York, secretary to the American commission to The Hague Peace Conference of several years ago, called at the White House offices today. He was recently offered the post of umpire in the settlement of some international disputes, but declined the place.

Ex-Senator Pepper, of Kansas, he of the long whiskers, who was the leading Populist advocate in the upper house of Congress some years ago, called with some friends, but found the President so busily engaged that he did not wait.

Senator Culberson of Texas introduced to the President a constituent, C. C. Middleton, who is a candidate for the postmastership at Dallas, Texas. The Senator promptly disposed of the supposition that the incumbent had resigned, or was giving up his office without a struggle at the expiration of his term. The Senator said:

"The recent postmaster at Dallas died and there is a strong fight in progress for his place. Besides Mr. Middleton there are several other candidates—D. A. Robinson, Mrs. Olive B. Lee, and S. H. Milliken. The organization is not unitedly supporting any one candidate."

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PROFESSOR OF FRENCH AT NAVAL ACADEMY

Paul E. Voynet, a clerk in the diplomatic bureau of the State Department, has been appointed professor of French at the Naval Academy. He stood first in the competitive examination in which there were sixty-five applicants.

Mr. Voynet's father was a brigadier general in the French army and Mr. Voynet himself once held a captain's commission in the French service.

COUNTERFEITING OUTFIT IS SEIZED IN TEXAS

HOUSTON, Tex., June 13.—The United States authorities here have arrested three women—Mrs. Perry, her daughter, Miss Perry, and Mrs. Robert Smith—in connection with the arrest of John Perry, Charles Pritchett and Robert Pritchett on charges of counterfeiting.

The officers, after several days' hunting in a big thicket in Montgomery county, located the spurious mint, where counterfeiting has been under way for years. It is believed that a vast amount of the bad money turned out there has been distributed through the different States. Molds and dies were seized by the authorities.

Diplomatic Relations With
Balkan State Broken Off
for Present, and Action of
Skuptschina Awaited.

CIVIL WAR IMMINENT

Popular Opinion Said to Lean
Toward a Republic, and
Kara-Georgovitch's Acces-
sion by No Means Certain.

LONDON, June 13.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says it is announced there that by an agreement between the powers diplomatic relations with Servia have been broken off for the present. The dispatch adds:

"A semi-official note issued declares that whoever the next king of Servia may be, the powers will exact the punishment of the murderers of the King and Queen, as civilized Europe cannot tolerate high administrative military positions occupied by assassins."

The above dispatch is thought to be premature by diplomatic circles in London, though it is admitted that the action of the powers will, in all probability, be along these lines.

Favor a Republic.

BELGRADE, June 13.—It is learned on excellent authority that popular opinion in Servia is rapidly leaning toward a republic, while the feeling against Prince Peter Kara-Georgovitch, who was proclaimed King by the army, is daily becoming more hostile.

The army is now divided in its desires between Prince Mirkov, of Montenegro, and Kara-Georgovitch, and many fear that when a new king is officially proclaimed on Monday by the skuptschina a civil war will be precipitated. Should such internal dissension arise there is no doubt that Austria would intervene, with consequences which cannot now be estimated.

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