

CARLISLE INDIANS HERE TOMORROW.

Crack Redskin Football Team to
Play University of Utah
Eleven.

THE CONTEST ON SATURDAY.

Visiting Aggregation Going to the
Coast to Play San Francisco
And Los Angeles.

The Carlisle Indian football team, one of the crack organizations of the East, is due to arrive here with coaches and substitutes tomorrow. They will be met at the depot by a delegation from the University and escorted to their hotel.

After a wash up and a brief rest



MATTHEWS, BACK.

they will be piloted around town and shown the chief points of interest. It is the purpose of the local pig skin chasers to show the visiting red skins a good time while here, until Saturday afternoon when the 'Varsity' crowd hopes to show them about sixty minutes of 'hard time.' At 2:30 on Saturday afternoon the teams will line up on Cummings field for the long-talked football battle and, judging from the preparations made, the game will be a red hot one from start to finish. The local team is in fine shape and will be stronger and faster than ever. The boys feel that, if they are not able to whip the Indians, they will at least be able to give them a fight to be remembered for many a long day. Realizing that the visiting team is a very



JOHNSON (CAPT.) QUARTER BACK

strong one Coach Holmes has strengthened his line up with some of the former 'Varsity' stars. They have done just enough practice work to keep in good condition and have no secreted their strength in training. They will need every ounce of weight and a thorough knowledge of the game to be able to hold the Indians down to a score.

The visitors will leave Salt Lake after the game, for the coast where they hope to secure a game with a team at San Francisco on Christmas day. On New Year's day they are booked to meet the Los Angeles team.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE BIG EXHIBIT.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—According to advice received by the world's fair headquarters Russia will have the most extensive exhibit which that country has ever made at a foreign exposition. The exhibit space will cover more than 250,000 square feet, which will be occupied by more than 2,500 individual exhibitors. Russia's national pavilion will be constructed on native soil and brought to St. Louis in sections and erected by Russian contractors.

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CONRAD-BONAPARTE REPORT GIVEN OUT

Gives, from Legal Standpoint, History and Nature of the
Tulloch Charges.

AUDITOR CASTLE CENSURED.

Deplorable and Gravely Discreditable
Abuses Existed in Office of First
Asst. P. M. General.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of this office was made public today. Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint." The report begins with a brief history of the nature of the Tulloch charges. It takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursement of public funds and finds that the charges were well founded. It adds that the responsibility for this extends in some measure to the late postmaster-general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence, and to the late and the present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is shown, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted to himself in Mr. Merritt's letter of June 23.

Tulloch's administration of former Auditor Castle, the report says: "We might give further illustrations of the auditor's apparent readiness to disregard the usual safeguards against the unauthorized expenditure, but this is needless because the same, in our judgment, regrettable disposition was shown in matters far more serious."

"SALARY" ACCOUNTS.

"We have already seen that he not only passed the accounts for the 'cleaners' or 'charwomen' and of the 'assistants' in passing on overtime claims, the scene and character of those service the inspectors could not find out from the postmaster or any one else (as to these it is possible, although hardly probable, that he may have been misled) but actually allowed Mr. Beavers the illegal and fraudulent claim for 'expenses,' which, as Mr. Castle's own memorandum says, 'really constituted salary,' the salary of an office which Beavers did not and could not legally hold and which no one, not even the president could have promised him so as to bind the United States, either 'legally or morally to keep the promise. Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte, in concluding, find that:

"The discussion of the Tulloch charges has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900 in the Washington postoffice and the office of the first assistant postmaster-general.

ACTS WERE ILLEGAL.

"These abuses involved conduct on the part of the various public officials which was certainly often illegal and may have been sometimes criminal, but such offenses, if any, were in all cases committed more than three years before we were ordered to investigate the charges, and so far as we are clearly informed, more than three years before Mr. Tulloch's interview of May 1 last."

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE.

"Charles Emory Smith, late postmaster-general, James P. Willett, late postmaster of Washington, now deceased; John A. Merritt, his successor in the said office, and its present incumbent; Robert J. Tracwell, comptroller, and Henry A. Castle, auditor of the post-office department, all appeared to have shared, in some measure, their responsibilities; the late postmaster-general for his seeming failure, notwithstanding repeated warnings, to appreciate the gravity of their misconduct, and the consequent necessity for its prompt and adequate punishment; the two postmasters for toleration of these abuses and obedience to plainly improper orders without exposure, or, apparently, protest; and the auditor and comptroller for acting upon lax and arbitrary principles in the administration of their respective offices whereby the payment of illegal and seemingly fraudulent claims by the treasury was rendered possible."

UNFIT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

"The findings continue: 'The employment of subordinates in postoffices about to become closed for the purpose of thus securing their admission to the examination into the classified service was a practice in fraudulently established their own fitness for public employment.'

"The employment of so-called 'laborers' to do 'classified' work was clearly illegal, and, under the express directions of the civil service rules, to be punished by dismissal from office. 'An agreement by any public officer with any person within or out of the public service that the latter shall receive the emoluments of public employment under the pretense of being employed without rendering any services to the government constitutes a conspiracy to defraud by any overt act tending to its accomplishment by any of the parties, renders all of them responsible under the terms of the United States revised statutes, section 5440.

UNJUST TO GILMER.

"The detail of Thomas W. Gilmer to different work of a lower grade and at a reduced compensation by F. A. Vanderlip, then acting secretary of the treasury, under all the circumstances attending it, was apparently unjust and oppressive, and certainly disastrous to the public interest, since it would be generally and naturally understood by those cognizant of it as a punishment inflicted on a faithful public servant who had, by the honest discharge of his duty, incurred the enmity of active and influential politicians. It seems to have been preceded by no sufficient inquiry on the part of the acting secretary, Vanderlip, and would render proper an investigation of the latter's conduct were he still in the United States service.

EXPRESS NO OPINION.

"While we express no opinion as to the propriety of Seymour W. Tulloch's removal from the office of cashier by Postmaster Merritt, the precipitancy and discourtesy shown by the latter in effecting this removal seem to have been without justification and tend to cast doubt upon the good faith of his explanations of the removal it

self and his course was clearly regrettable in the public interest as leading naturally to the belief that the cashier had been in fact removed for his failure to comply with irregular and even illegal demands upon the funds in his custody.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

"We very respectfully recommend: '1.—That a thorough investigation be ordered, if it has not already been ordered, (a), of the administration of the Washington postoffice, (b), of the administration of the New York postoffice, and (c), of the administration of the office of the first assistant postmaster-general within the past three years. It is probable that this recommendation has already been in great part and purposes altogether anticipated by the action of the present postmaster-general, but we are not in the moment of preparing this report fully informed as to the scope of the departmental inquiry now for several months in progress under his orders we venture to submit it. We have been very favorably impressed by the zeal, fidelity and intelligence of the postoffice inspectors and deem them fully competent under the supervision of the fourth assistant postmaster-general, to conduct an investigation as is here suggested.

"2.—That a carefully chosen small commission be appointed by the president to report a plan whereby the work of the postoffice of the comptroller and of the several auditors may be removed from all political, personal or other extraneous influences, the officials herein employed protected from injury through the connivance they may incur in the discharge of their duties and the complete competency and independence of all engaged in this branch of the government secured through their selection by free competition, promotion for merit only and assurance of tenure during the continuance of fidelity and efficiency on their own part.

The supplementary report is appended to the original, embodying consideration of a letter from Postmaster Merritt, 'making grave accusations against Mr. Tulloch.' These accusations are considered in detail and the conclusion reached that they do not require modification of any of the conclusions or recommendations heretofore made. The supplementary report also gives consideration to a letter from former Postmaster General Smith to the president, in which certain comments are made on the original report, and says the Smith letter contains nothing leading 'us to doubt the correctness of the conclusions announced in the original report.' The report adds:

"Mr. Smith's letter shows to our minds not only that there was, as we said, a failure on his part while in office to appreciate the gravity of the situation disclosed by the warnings received, but that he fails to appreciate this situation."

SOME EXCEPTIONS.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on their examination of the Bristow report endorses that report generally, but non-concurs as to certain passages and recommendations, pointing out exceptions. It suggests that the Bristow report should note how gravely the statute of limitations has interfered with the punishment of notorious offenders exposed in the report, and suggests that the statute term be lengthened to at least five years. The Bristow report, in referring to a transaction, says:

"The question of the legality of a contract with a senator-elect is a matter that should receive consideration in connection with this case."

Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte suggest that the senator-elect's name and the material facts in the transaction should have been given. They also say that the omission of the names of the members of Congress with whom Mr. Bristow says Beavers made contracts for the rental of premises is hardly just to congressmen generally. They non-concure in the conclusion of Mr. Bristow wherein he says he does not offer any criticism against congressmen at whose instance Beavers increased a postoffice rental where a ten years' lease was already operative.

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