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WASHINGTON, 23.—The President nominated William H. Robertson for collector of customs at the port of New York; William Walter Phelps, of New York, minister to Australia; Edwin Merritt, of New York, consul general, at London; Adam Bade, of New York, charge d'affairs at Denmark; L. Wallace, of Indiana, charged'affairs at Paraguay and Uruguay; Michael J. Cramer, of New York, charge d'affairs at Switzerland; William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, solicitor general; Samuel F. Phillips, of North Carolina, judge of the court of claims; L. A. Sheldon, of Ohio, governor of New Mexico; Thomas N. Nichol, of Wisconsin, commissioner of Indian affairs; Geo. W. Atkins, United States marshal of West Virginia.

The nomination of Judge Wm. H. Robertson to be collector of customs for the port of New York created a genuine sensation at the capital to-day, and is a prominent topic of comment throughout Washington political circles this evening. When Vice-President Arthur opened the list of nominations in the Senate, this afternoon, and observed Robertson's name, he rapidly folded the paper so as to leave it uppermost, and sent the list, by a page, to Senator Conkling, who thereupon, with an air of indignation and astonishment, walked to the seat of Senator Platt, and the two New York Senators held a whispered conference. Their amazement and displeasure were equally manifest, and were readily explainable by the fact, known to almost every one in the chamber, that Judge Robertson is the leader of the anti-Conkling party in the New York legislature, and therefore about as objectionable a man to Conkling and his friends as any that could possibly have been selected for the most important New York office. The nomination was the more surprising in view of the complete deference that had been accorded to Conkling's wishes in the nominations for other New York offices yesterday; and although it is conceded that some recognition was due from President Garfield to the independent New York republicans, like Robertson, who refused to vote for General Grant at Chicago, and thus made Garfield's nomination finally possible, it is also generally thought that in selecting a pronounced enemy to Conkling for the New York collectorship, the new administration has invited a stubborn conflict which might well have been avoided. There is no doubt that unless this nomination be withdrawn, it will be fought by all the Conkling and Grant men in the Senate with the utmost determination, to the extent of making an open breach with the Garfield administration, similar to that which was created by President Hayes' nominations for the New York custom house three years ago. It may also be considered certain that Conkling, as chairman of the committee on commerce, to whom the nominations was to-day referred, will find means to greatly delay, if not to smother it in the committee. Thus the controversy may very possibly go over to another session of Congress, as a source of constantly increasing animosity and bitterness.

Secretary Windom has issued a circular to-day, saying: Congress having failed to sufficiently provide for the requirements of the public service, under the appropriation for fuel, light and water, and miscellaneous items for public buildings for the fiscal year, the custodians of the public buildings under the Treasury Department, are notified that the amount of the appropriation available is insufficient to provide for labor and supplies not embraced in the existing contract beyond the 31st inst. Therefore the custodians will notify all persons and corporations furnishing gas, water or other supplies, to be paid for from the said appropriation, that the Department will have no means available for the payment of such services or supplies beyond the date above specified.

NEW YORK, 23.—The Times Hartford special: The legislature has incorporated the International Construction Company—Henry Sanford, Oliver Hoyt, A. N. Hawley, Henry B. Plant, Isaac E. Gales, D. O. Mills, Thomas W. Pierce, Benj. Clark and their associates. Senator Oliver Hoyt explained in the Senate to-day, that this is a company which proposes to build an international railway to the City of Mexico; capi-

tal stock, \$1,000,000, liable to an increase to \$10,000,000; shares, \$100. The company may be organized and proceed to business when \$100,000 is subscribed, and 10 per cent. of the main subscription. The bill was passed without opposition after its object was explained by Senator Hoyt, whose name appeared as one of the incorporators. The bill is a legitimate one. The company's charter is supposed to be the one in which Grant is interested, Hoyt being one of the ex-president's warmest supporters.

The Tribune says: Pearson has been confirmed as postmaster. He states that he intends to make no new appointments. He will promote members of the existing staff in the post office, and each of the successive vacancies will be filled by promotion from the rank below.

The nomination of Robertson, who led the fight against Grant and Cortland in New York, last fall, for collector of the port of New York, creates surprise and considerable comment. The other nominations to-day, Chandler, Merritt and Phelps, had the effect of removing the feeling among some republicans that the President was yielding to stalwarts. The collector of New York has large patronage and can wield immense political power, more than any other government officer in the State. Conkling, it is said, greatly preferred not to have this power in the hands of a man who opposed him so strongly as Robertson, but it is not believed Conkling will oppose his confirmation. The action of the President in dividing the patronage between both factions is regarded as a desire to harmonize the party in New York. Merritt, the present collector, whom Conkling fought so hard several years ago, goes as consul general to London.

Since the executive session adjourned, this afternoon, it is rumored positively that Conkling and his friends are very indignant at the nomination of Robertson, and threaten to oppose his confirmation.

The Journal's Washington special says: The story is circulated that Senators Vest and Voorhees propose to attack Mahone in the Senate and republican senators for forming a coalition with him. Mahone expresses his willingness to meet these democrats and discuss principles and motives, if they desire.

NEW YORK, 23.—The Edison Electric Light company has been granted permission to lay tubes, wires, conductors and insulators and erect lamp posts in this city for the purpose of supplying electricity for illumination.

Major S. B. Eaton, vice-president of the Edison Electric Light Company, said to a Tribune reporter yesterday that they propose to go to work at once and light the district bounded by Wall, Spruce and Nassau Streets and East River. The Etna Iron Works' building will be lighted in two or three weeks by several hundred electric lights.

The system is now absolutely complete. There are eight miles of mains in Menlo Park. We have obtained the right of way in Toledo and Detroit and arrangements are being made to obtain that privilege in Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Boston.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the World's Fair to-day, Grant's letter of resignation was read. Resolutions were then adopted accepting the resignation, and the committee named Hugh S. Jewett for president of the commission.

ST. LOUIS, 23.—The Republican's Kansas City special says the first train from San Francisco over the Panama line arrived here this morning in charge of Conductor Hallett. The train consisted of 12 cars drawn by the engine "Jeff Coolidge." The coaches were all crowded, and 75 through passengers were aboard. The run was the most remarkable on record. The train having left San Francisco on time, was on time at every station on the long line of 2,300 miles, and arrived here on time. A large party of Chicago capitalists arrived here by the Chicago & Alton road this morning, en route to New Mexico and Arizona to invest in mines, and left this evening for the west via the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

The Republican's Kansas City special says: It seems to be definitely settled that Jay Gould will at once extend three of his Kansas railroads westward. Propositions for aid have already been submitted, and in some instances voted upon at points along the proposed route. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas is being extended via Independence and Sodam to

Medicine Lodge. The Missouri Pacific from Leroy via Eureka, Eldorado and Wichita to Medicine Lodge, and also from Ottawa to Topeka. Surveyors have been in the field nearly two months past, and much preliminary work is done looking to the construction of these lines.

Cleveland, 23.—Besides those mentioned in last night's dispatch as injured in the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway accident at Nottingham, B. F. Ash, of Laporte, Ind., sustained a fracture of two ribs, and a lady passenger, name not ascertained, was painfully cut and bruised. The fireman's name proves to be Thos. H. Stevenson, instead of Henderson. He lived at Collinwood, age 23, unmarried. He was found with his head crushed against the boiler, his back broken, several fractures of bones, and the upper part of his body roasted by heat and scalded by escaping steam. Engineer Lacey's body was found in debris, his skull, both legs and back broken, the body boiled and torn. His wife, at the time, was attending services in the tabernacle at Cleveland. Express messenger Schneider, of the United States Express Company, lost an ear and his back was badly wrenched. Charley Lockwood, in charge of two American Express cars, was bruised and his face burned by being thrown on a stove. Frank Barnett, baggage-man, and Michael Osley escaped unhurt, the only persons in the forward car not injured.

DENVER, 23.—A Tribune special says: The west bound stage was robbed nine miles west of Del Norte last night by two men. The express pouch and one mail pouch were taken. Passengers unmolested.

Tribune's Los Vegas: This morning Conductor J. H. Curry, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, was shot and instantly killed by Joseph E. Bright, a saloon keeper. The general impression is that the shooting was uncalled for, and threats of lynching are freely indulged in.

CHICAGO, 23.

General Passenger Agent White, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., intimates to the Union Pacific officials that trouble may result from the efforts of the latter to secure a reduction of passenger rates from Chicago to San Francisco, so that the route over the Union Pacific road shall not exceed that by the Santa Fe road. The difference now is in favor of the Santa Fe people because the rate from Chicago to Kansas City is cheaper by reason of the R. R. war than that to Omaha. A lively war of rates between here and San Francisco is among the probabilities.

NEW YORK, 24.—The Tribune's Albany correspondent had a talk to-day with Judge Robertson, who said: "This nomination is especially gratifying to me because it comes unsought; no friend of mine to my knowledge has solicited any place under President Garfield's administration. This is a complete surprise and a very delightful one. I have been greatly touched since the news of the nomination reached here by the kind words of congratulation uttered by my friends and acquaintances. This will be the first office I shall hold by appointment. I have been twice in the assembly, once in Congress, twelve years a judge and twelve years a Senator. I have never sought any of the offices which I have held, and have followed the same rule in this case. Men have come to me in the past three months and have suggested to me to apply for this office or that. I did not take their advice. Perhaps it would be well to state also I have not been to Washington. I have no doubt about my confirmation. Many members of the Senate indeed, about half its members were my friends when I was in Congress. Among my personal friends are many of the democratic members, and I think that I shall receive support from both sides of the House. I assume that I shall have the support of both Senators from New York. I interpret the nominations of President Garfield as an indication that he intends to reward the men who made possible his nomination at Chicago."

WASHINGTON, 24.—Edwin A. Merritt, present Collector of Customs at New York, telegraphs last evening he will not take the Consul-Generalship at London.

The nomination of Robertson was referred to the committee of commerce, of which Conkling is chairman. If he pockets the appointment, the democrats will vote solidly to discharge the committee and confirm.

Don Pardee, who has been appointed to succeed Judge Woods, was

major in Garfield's regiment. Sheldon, nominated for Governor of New Mexico, was lieutenant colonel of the same organization.

A Northern Pacific stockholder writes a long letter to the Times, in which he says: This will not be a good year for monopolies or schemes to effect a monopoly. The people of the United States have rightfully grown used to looking to the Northern Pacific road, when finished, as an independent and competitive highway across the continent. Their representatives in the Thirty-eighth Congress created it expressly for this purpose, chartering the company to construct a "continuous railroad and telegraph line" from Lake Superior to Puget Sound. It will require no labor to persuade the Forty-Seventh Congress that this "continuous" line of railroad cannot, without its permission, lawfully be divided. What a new management of the Northern Pacific Company effected by buying a majority of its stock in Wall Street cannot legally break the continuity. Nay more. Any arrangement between the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as at present organized, and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, to stop the Northern Pacific at the Columbia River, or at the foot of the Cascade range or any point short of Puget Sound, and thus to break the continuity of this continuous railroad and telegraph line, would be null and void.

Among the persons arrested in Havana in consequence of the frauds recently detected are a brother-in-law of Zulueta, a relation of Romeo Robledo, the late minister of the interior of Zerrera, formerly chief of the celebrated volunteers in Havana, and a judge. Several high civil officers and one naval official of rank are also under arrest. Governor General Blanco telegraphs that the greatest excitement is prevailing in the press and colonial circles as more revelations are expected in the course of the judicial inquiry now proceeding.

WASHINGTON, 24.—The extraordinary contest over the officers of the Senate, which occupied the whole of to-day's session, bids fair to waste at least another day, and unless one side or the other shall cease to continue the struggle, it will probably run into, or perhaps extend through a night session. The adjournment this afternoon was a surprise to both parties, it being the result of a vote taken upon the casual dilatory motion while two republicans happened to be momentarily out of the chamber. No such accident is likely to occur to-morrow, but on the other hand, it is not at all improbable that one or more republicans, who have no heart in this movement of doubtful expediency which the caucus has inaugurated will purposely absent themselves, and thus allow a motion to prevail for the consideration of executive business. Heretofore, in ordinary contests of endurance and persistence, the democratic column has been the first to disintegrate, but this time, in view of the intrinsic strength of their position, the democrats of the Senate seem likely to stand firm. The opposition to the proposed change of officers, although thus far confined to the interposition of dilatory motions, may successfully be extended to the resource of withholding their votes and thus breaking a quorum for republicans, with Edmunds absent in Florida, and Saunders paired, number only 35, and the assistance of the two independents, Davis and Mahone, gives them only 37, whereas 39 are required to make a quorum, and the Vice-President cannot vote except in case of a tie.

Washington politicians have received another surprise to-day, in the news from Albany, that the New York senate has unanimously endorsed Judge Robertson's nomination to be collector of the port of New York City, and with the same unexpected unanimity has requested his prompt confirmation. As the state senate is controlled by Conkling's friends, this action is surmised by some persons to have been inspired by him, with the view of relieving him from embarrassment in a contest where he could not hope for a final success; but as he is not in the habit of shrinking from a conflict for prudential reasons, there is probably no truth in this surmise, and the explanation is doubtless to be found in a spontaneous desire of his New York friends to prevent his taking a position on the subject, which, in their judgment, will be impolitic and prejudicial to his and their common interests. The prevalent belief now is that the three-

tened serious contest over this nation will be wholly averted.

The Commercial Advertiser, writing from New York, says: It will be a day by every friend of Conkling, and the public generally as a direct insult to New York's honor. It adds, barring the "and," made by Judge Robertson's "and," no man in the State is making a credit to the State, serving of the honor conferred would be a credit to the State, collection is not calculated to honor the party. Better, far, better, Merritt to remain.

Albany, 24.—On motion of a democrat, the Senate unanimously passed the following resolution: Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are tendered President Garfield for the nomination of Judge Robertson, as collector of the port of New York, and we cordially solicit a request to the Senate of the United States that they promptly reject the nomination.

PHILADELPHIA, 24.—The to-morrow will publish the edition of the bogus diploma from "Dean" John Buchanan, now going imprisonment in consequence of the exposure by that party of the time ago of the character of different medical colleges. The confession shows a widely recognized business in which some of the reputable houses shared. In these incidents wherein he robbed the almshouse. He told how seen clear of the courts and penitentiary, also of twenty-five concerns in the country and in Europe by 10 grees are sold. He figures 20,000 bogus diplomas are in America, and 40,000 more in Europe. Buchanan also tells of his attempt to lead the people to believe he had committed suicide. He says one night in August he went to Market Street Ferry, Vanduser and a man named "Shep" were waiting. He gave his coat to his dog and drove off to the railroad, being passed on to the ferry boat and saluted by Holterm as "Doess." He pointed out by Vanduser as Buchanan. "Shep" had his finger on the boat, and this of the used by Vanduser to impress the deck hands the fact that the acting strangely to-night, the ferry boat turned to the other side, separating Ridgway from Windmill Island, a skiff to bow and lay close to the shadow of the piles. Specific himself of Buchanan's the plunged overboard, and the strokes caught hold of his skiff, and clutching tightly, was hauled down the river diffi- Airey, where he clambered, was rowed along the river to thence across the river to the in Kensington.

GALVESTON, 24.—A New says: In the northwest part of County, last Monday, men, Leonard and Doyle, agreement to settle a dispute, bringing another man as a witness. Leonard stepped off a distance Doyle attempted to shoot his gun hung fire. Leonard turned the fire on Doyle, mortally wounded. He lay ed up to Doyle and shot times in the head; the Doyle's gun he mortally the only witness to the the escaped.

PITTSBURG, Pa., 24.—Sh men entered the house of Connor, aged 81, who lives a his wife at Catfish, Pa., miles from here, bound a both, compelled the old man to give the combination, and stole \$5,000 government bonds unregistered; and he to 10,000 in cash. The were roughly handled, and survive the shock of the Or-

SAN FRANCISCO, 24.—Ch out 24 hours, the jury in a verdict of "not guilty." obse dict was received with the plause and the defende congratulated by his frie Kalloch was discharged, s tr his carriage to go home, es crowd took the horsea vehicle and pulled him some three miles.

ST. LOUIS, 24.—Repul Davis, Texas, special: received here from Pre yesterday, signed by Cap the of the First Infantry, Moses Kelley, a wealthy and rancher, was murdered Faurer. Mr. Kelly had house adjoining his store the father of Faurer's