

all the vacancies in the United States Senate, and that neither Conkling nor Platt will be chosen. Husted talked directly the reverse this morning before Robertson's information.

At 1.40 p.m., while the Senate was in committee of the whole, Senator Lord in the chair, a telegraph operator entered and handed Senator Robertson a telegram. A buzz of excitement ran around the circles and business was suspended. Senator Robertson handed the telegram to Senator Woodin, who quickly read the contents, and coming toward the desk, said, Come down from here.

Lord—What are we in? I move the committee rise.

Senator Lord then put the motion, which was declared carried.

In the meantime, Robertson had returned to his seat in the circle and appeared to be deeply affected. Senator Woodin assumed the duties of president, and said: "On motion of Mr. Sessions, the Senate stands in recess five minutes. I will read the dispatch: 'To the Hon. Wm. H. Robertson—Your confirmation just made unanimous. Accept congratulations.'"

The wildest excitement ensued, and amid the cheering and clapping of hands, Sessions jumped upon his chair and gave three cheers for Robertson, while Husted who had come in from the assembly, also leaped upon a chair and aided in the cheering.

Loomis then called for three cheers for President Garfield, which were given with a will. General handshaking followed, amid which the Senate adjourned.

Collector Robertson was serenaded and made a speech congratulating the country that we have a President whose intelligence, firmness and patience will protect the Constitution from every assault.

SAN MARCIAL, 17.—The outward bound stage of the Pioneer line was stopped by two masked men, 20 miles southwest of here, about noon yesterday. They advanced with guns aimed at the driver, Pete Donnelly, and both were shot. As they called him to halt, Charles McConkey, one of the proprietors of the stage line, and W. H. Berry, a passenger, were on top near the driver. In seeing the desperadoes, they drew their Winchester and fired, wounding both. One laid still, but the other raised three times trying to shoot at the driver, but was quiet by a second ball from McConkey.

McConkey then fastened a paper on the side of the stage which was written: "A failure on the part of stage robbers." The stage being full, the robbers were left as they fell, and the stage driven to Black range. Today, the bodies were brought to this place, where they now lie. Some African stole the boots off one of the dead bodies. They had nothing to their persons by which they could be identified. Both are very good looking customers. It is thought they belong to a band of thieves, a part of whom were arrested with stolen horses in their session, but bought off the Mexican justice and were acquitted.

The Herald's Madrid special says: Telegrams received to-day from Havana, report that the greatest excitement was caused in Cuba by the prosecution and seizure, by order of the colonial authorities, of *El Hurfio*, the principal organ of the Cuban liberals, because that popular paper energetically advocated in a leading article, the autonomy of Cuba under the Spanish flag, but as much self government as possible.

The *El Liberal* and several influential Madrid papers protest sharply against the conduct of General Canalejas. The creole representative believes that no reform is possible in Cuba until General Blanco and the principal authorities are removed, to erase the fatal policy of conservatism and planters.

ASHVILLE, 17.—The loss by the fire is about \$500,000. It began first in the Western Union office and cut off all wire communication. "Warren's" paint house, Philip Schneiders' furniture store, Atwell & Sons, furniture, E. H. Miller's dress store, P. Blumenthal, china store, Noel Block, northwestern corner of Church and College, Ameri-office, Cheatham & Pearce, dry house, Ryan & Ryan, whiskey house, penitentiary warehouses, A. Delkel, whisky house and a large number of smaller buildings, adding half of each of the four churches were destroyed.

NEW YORK, 19.—The Herald's special from Washington says: The following letter from ex-President Grant to Senator Jones, of Nevada,

shows that in the present contest between ex-Senator Conkling and the President, Mr. Conkling has the full sympathy and support of General Grant. This letter to Senator Jones contained one from the ex-President to Mr. Garfield, which was delivered to him personally by Senator Jones. Its contents are not known, but there can be no doubt but its purport was similar to that of the letter to Mr. Jones. The letter is as follows:

"My dear Senator—I see by the latest dispatches received here from the capital of our country that the deadlock in organizing the Senate is not yet broken, and that nothing has been done by the President to allay the bitterness which must be engendered by his most recent appointment.

When the first batch of nominations for New York were sent in, I was delighted. I believed then that the President had determined to reorganize the republican party and not a faction, but his nominations of the next day convinced me that the first act was but a part of a deep laid scheme, by somebody, to punish prominent leaders for being openly friendly to me. I cannot believe that General Garfield is the author of this policy. I give him credit for being too big a man to descend to such means for the punishment of men who gave him hearty support in his election, and who are disposed to give him the same support now, for the offense of having had a former preference for some one else for the office which he now holds. But Garfield is President and is responsible for all the acts of the administration.

Conkling and Platt are the chosen senators from the great State of New York and that, too, against all the opposition of the administration created by the same party that elected them. This should give them all the stronger claim to be consulted in the matter of the appointments in their state. When it comes to filling the most influential office in their state without consulting these senators, it is a great slight. When he selects the most offensive man to be found it becomes an insult and ought to be resented to the bitter end. I sincerely hope the President will see this and correct his mistake himself and restore harmony to the party. He owes this to himself and to those without whom he could not have been elected. Nobody believes he could have carried the State of New York without active support of her present senators. Their passive support would not have answered. Without the State of New York General Garfield would not now be President. His rewarding Robertson is not only offensive to the New York senators, but it is offensive to New York republicans.

The change of Badeau and Cramer, the two appointments in which I felt a strong personal interest, was very distasteful to me, the first, because of our personal relations and my wish that he should be kept where his office would support him until he finishes some work he is engaged upon, and which he could do without interfering with his public duties. The second, because it was at the expense of removing the son of my old secretary of state, who probably never had his superior, certainly never for moral worth, in the department. It is true Fish resigned, but he did this from a sense of honor, supposing it to be the duty of representatives abroad to give a new administration the opportunity of saying whether they were wanted or not.

Truly yours,

U. S. GRANT.

Hon. J. P. Jones, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, 19.—New instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the surveyor General for the survey of public lands and private land claims, also mineral claims, will shortly be issued.

There being now pending in the war department great numbers of volunteer pension claims which cannot be satisfactorily verified for want of information which missing records of discontinued volunteer commands would afford, and it having become known that officers of the late volunteer forces have still in their possession or under their control books and other records pertaining to their corps divisions, brigades, regiments and companies, Adjutant General Drum has issued a circular calling attention to the fact that all such books and records should be deposited in the Adjutant General's office and requesting that they be forwarded without delay to the Adjutant General at Washington. Postage or

proper express charges when the packages exceed four pounds, the limit for mail parcels, can be paid by the government.

Mrs. Garfield is gaining slowly. The cabinet will to-morrow consider the New York nominations and it is believed the four withdrawn nominations will be renewed and the Senate be allowed to adjourn Friday or Saturday.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The Senate judiciary committee took a vote on the nomination of Wm. E. Chandler for solicitor general, as follows: In favor of confirmation—Logan, Ingalls and McMillan—3; against—Davis, Iles, Bayard and Lamar; absent, Edmunds and Garland. It is understood in view of the equal division of the committee, the nomination will be reported back to the Senate without recommendation.

The President sent to the Senate the following New York nominations: Woodford, district attorney of the southern district; Tenny, district attorney of the eastern district; Henry E. Knox, marshal of the southern district; McDougal, marshal of the northern district; C. A. Gould, collector of customs, Buffalo; George B. Loring, Massachusetts, commissioner of agriculture, vice Leduc, resigned; Glenn W. Schofield, Pennsylvania, judge of the court of claims; Blanch K. Bruce, Mississippi, register of the treasury, vice Schofield, transferred. United States consuls: Zela Morrill, Massachusetts, Jerusalem; John M. Glover, Indiana, Havre; James C. Cook, California, Tien-tsin; Volney V. Smith, Arkansas, St. Thomas; John G. Crawford, New Haven, Coaticook; Geo. F. Moscow, New Haven, Nice; E. H. Rogers, Nebraska, Vera Cruz; J. Moore, Illinois, Callao; H. A. Jaley, Nebraska, Chemnitz; David Vickers, New Jersey, Mantanzas; G. W. Roosevelt, Pennsylvania, Bordeaux.

Mrs. Garfield is greatly improved and now believed to be fully out of danger.

The great political sensations of the day may overshadow, but they do not disturb the investigation in progress under the direction of the postmaster-general. The work of examining records and papers and accumulating evidence against the members of the ring is going on slowly but surely. It is intended the investigation shall be thorough, therefore it cannot be completed in a few days. There is a vast field to be covered. Some divisions of the investigation are but just begun. The table of 93 Star routes, published some time ago by authority of the department, was only a sample of the work of the rings. It contains some of the most striking examples of rascality which can be found in the service, but there are hundreds of routes outside of the list which the ring have manipulated, and the field which demands investigation stretches away on all sides of the list. The field is wide and the examination of it needs time. Foundations for an exhaustive investigation are being laid with great care. As for reduction in the cost of service already made, the routes upon which action has been taken, have been, except those reported by the commission in the south, those which came under the eyes of the officers from day to day in the regular course of business. Search for useless service has begun, but except in steamboat routes and one or two other cases, its results have not appeared.

A Times correspondent gives the history of several Star route contracts, of which the following are the most prominent: Route No. 38,018, from Monument to River Bend, Colorado, held by the Dorsey combination, shows some very suggestive facts. Distance 59½ miles; service twice a week; time, thirty-three hours. Here were twenty bidders, the highest \$3,970, and the lowest, Joshua H. Watts, of Santa Fe, \$948. The contract was awarded to Watts, and the latter sublet the route to N. B. Williams, of Denver, for \$1,200. It was soon announced that Watts had failed, and the route was relet to A. H. Brown, by Brady, for \$1,200. In thirty-two days after the route had come into the possession of Brown, orders were issued by Brady, which raised the pay of \$1,300 to \$11,200, and the trips were increased to seven per week, and the time reduced from thirty-three to seventeen hours. Brown had received on this route \$73,000, and, for the same time, under the original contract, Watts would have received about \$2,000. There is sworn testimony to the effect that Watts, Miner, Peck and Dorsey were partners. Watts seems to have been unfortu-

nate and to have gone out of the combination.

Route No. 38,113, from Rawlins to White River, Colorado, was let to John W. Dorsey, for \$1,700. It afterwards passed into the hands of ex-Senator Dorsey. The service was once a week, distance 180 miles, time 108 hours. The service was finally increased to seven trips per week, and the pay to \$30,981.

The route No. 46,132, in Southern California, from Julian to Colton, the contractors annual pay was raised from \$1,188 per year to \$3,910. The line is in the hands of the Dorsey combination, and the contractor is J. M. Peck, ex-Senator Dorsey's brother-in-law. The bidders were Zimri McDonald, \$2,393; William Buckley, \$2,350; A. Westmore, \$2,346; M. V. Nichols, \$2,290; Wm. J. Hogan, \$2,204; William M. Griffiths, \$2,155; Hugh White, \$1,900; Knight & Deaner, \$1,800; H. W. Robinson, \$1,788; O. J. Salisbury, \$1,760; B. Price, \$1,667; Jacob Bergeman, \$1,600; Stewart Pierson, \$1,589; H. E. Parks, \$1,400; J. M. Peck, \$1,188.

J. C. Hayes is evidently a man who lived in the vicinity of the route and became a sub-contractor from the beginning of the term with an annual pay of \$1,069. His understanding with Peck being, that if the service should be increased to two trips per week, he would receive \$2,138; for three trips per week, \$2,207; and for six trips per week \$6,415.

This sub-contract was withdrawn after it had been in force for three months, and the route was turned over to H. M. Valle, April 1st, for the full contract price. Valle had come into the Dorsey combination. The additions were made after March. The papers upon which orders for increase and expedition were based, consisted of a petition, endorsed in the usual manner by members of Congress from California. The clerk in charge of the case reported that the annual revenue of the four offices which would be benefited by the increase and expedition, was only \$314. The additional pay was \$7,722.

NEW YORK, 19.—An Albany special says: The Albany Express, Conkling's only organ at the capital, this morning conceded the defeat of Conkling, and appeals for peace. It speaks in the mildest manner of Robertson and acknowledged him as the present leader of the party and guarantees its firm support of him in the future.

The Commercial's Albany special says: Conkling, when he resigned, had no thought of returning. Cornell's whispers that he will never consent to become a senator, grow weaker now that even half-breeds understand that Conkling meant his resignation to be final.

The Post closes a leading editorial on Grant's letter: We have always believed it would have been better for Grant's reputation if he had never taken part in politics, even in the broad national sense of the term. We are quite sure his reputation must suffer from his untimely and ineffectual struggle for control of partisan patronage. The popular answer to his unfortunate letter has anticipated its publication. When this exhibition is made of him by himself and his friends, the fight for which he enlisted is already lost. The only remaining consolation is that Grant at least would not have encouraged Conkling and Platt to retreat in such shameful disorder from the field, which, he says, should be contested to the bitter end. There is some satisfaction, small though it is, for the friends of Garfield in the fight.

ALBANY, 19.—The administration republicans are ready for an election, but won't enter a caucus. They are able to defeat Conkling or Platt, unless the democrats go with the other side, but if the democrats fuse with the Conklingites, they believe they can beat both at the polls next fall. Conklingites favor an early election and say Conkling won't be a candidate. Democrats oppose an election, claiming the election should go to the people. Probably there will be an election without a caucus.

Governor Cornell has sent to the Senate a communication with official notification of the vacancies in senatorship.

The election of senators cannot now occur till the 31st.

NEW YORK, 19.—Recorder Smythe, in passing sentence on one of a gang of hoodlums who broke into a Chinese laundry on the 8th and stole \$50 and maltreated the Chinamen, said: It has become the system in other cities to look on Chinese laundrymen with disfavor. Roughs like you who spend most of

their time in idleness and debauchery, while Chinese are acquiring an honest livelihood, fancy they have full license to beat, rob and even kill them. However successful this mob rule may have been in other cities, I desire to announce officially that its course here, so far as this court has power to prevent, shall be shortlived and unpleasant. The severe punishment I am about to impose upon you may be expected by all those who disturb the peace and dignity of the community by outrageous attacks upon those, who to all appearances, are inoffensive. The sentence of the court is that you be confined in the State prison two years and six months.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—No news yet of the steamer *State of California*. The British steamer *Barnard Castle*, which left here six days ago for Nanaimo, has not yet arrived there, and some fear that the two ships may have come in collision. Insurance on the cargo of the *California* was granted yesterday, at from 10 to 25 per cent, but to-day in some instances were refused at 50 per cent. The steamer has about 55 cabin passengers and 60 in steerage. She has very light sail power, and in case of accident to her machinery would make very slow progress. The weather up the coast has been thick, and if disabled, she has probably kept away from the coast to get clear of the fog.

INDIANAPOLIS, 19.—At the national Baptist anniversary held to-day, it was reported that many new fields were opened up, including Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Texas and Indian Territory. Addresses were subsequently delivered on the work in the extreme west and Pacific Coast, by Rev. W. T. Crawford, of Oregon, and Rev. Dr. Osborne, North Adams, Mass., who have recently made a missionary trip over the Pacific States and Territories; the last named specially urging aggressive work to check the spread of Mormonism.

DENVER, 19.—A Del Norte special says: The west-bound coach was stopped last night, 24 miles east of Lake City, by three road agents. Before ordering a stop, the robbers fired three shots, dangerously wounding Frank Bartlett, a Denver and Rio Grande engineer, then robbed him of \$100 and a gold watch, and took the treasure pouch and all the mail sacks. The passengers inside were unmolested. Citizens of Del Norte offer \$750 and the Denver and Rio Grande Railway \$500 reward for the capture of the robbers.

PARSON, KS., 19.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad was held here yesterday. All the stock was represented. Resolutions approving all mortgages and contracts to the Gould management, in reference to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road during the time they have had possession of the same, to continue the construction of the road through to the City of Mexico, and to increase the stock of the consolidated company \$47,000,000 for that purpose, were adopted. The following officers were elected: Jay Gould, Sydney Dillon, G. J. Forrest, Thos. T. Eckert, Wm. Bond, M. S. McReady, A. G. Dolman, Samuel Stein, Thomas W. Larson, F. L. Ames, Frank S. Bank, R. S. Hayes, H. C. Cross, C. S. Platt and David Kelso. Jay Gould will continue president.

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