

## MONEY ORDER CONTRACT AWARDS

Supt. J. T. Metcalfe Removed for "Indiscretion."

DIDN'T GO TO LOWEST BIDDER

Story Briefly but Explicitly Told in Postmaster-General Payne's Letter of Dismissal.

Washington, June 17.—As a result of alleged indiscretions in matters pertaining to the award of contracts for printing the money order forms of the government, James T. Metcalfe, for many years superintendent of the money order system of the postoffice department, was today removed from office by the postmaster-general. A full investigation will be made later. The dismissal is the result of acts of Mr. Metcalfe in opposition to the bid of Paul Herman of Rutherford, N. J., the lowest bidder by \$45,000, and in favor of the next highest bidder, the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company of New York, of which Mr. Metcalfe's son is an employee. The story is briefly told in the following letter of dismissal, signed by Postmaster-General Payne at 5 o'clock this afternoon:

"James T. Metcalfe, Superintendent of Money Order System, Postoffice Department—Sir: You are hereby removed from the position of superintendent of the money order system. The charges upon which your removal relate to your actions in the matter of letting the contract for money order forms. These charges were made known to you this morning by Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow and Asst. Atty. Gen. Robb of the postoffice department, and a transcript of your answer thereto is enclosed herewith.

"It appears from your answer that when the proposal was made to competitors for the contract of supplying money order forms were opened, Paul Herman of Rutherford, N. J. (formerly employed as foreman by the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company of New York), by which company it seems your son is also employed, was found to be the lowest bidder, his proposal being \$45,000 below that of the next highest bidder, namely, the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company, that the bid of Herman as submitted was regular in form and that he had deposited a certified check for \$5,000 as a forfeit. It further appears that within a day or two the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company filed a protest against awarding the contract to Herman, alleging that he was not financially responsible.

"That a short time thereafter Mr. Herman called at your office and you advised him to withdraw his bid and re-enter the employ of the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company, realizing that his withdrawal would result in the award being given to said company and result in a loss to the government; that you offered to write and did write a letter to the said company apprising it of your interview with Herman and using your good offices in his behalf; that you advised Herman that his \$5,000 deposit would probably be returned to him if he adopted your suggestion.

"It further appears that you regarded Mr. Herman as possessing the mechanical qualifications requisite to the performance of the contract, and that it was not any part of your duty to pass upon the question of his responsibility, financial or otherwise.

"It also appears that you did not acquaint your superior, First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne, with the fact that you had endeavored to have Mr. Herman withdraw his bid.

"It further appears that a hearing has been had before Gen. Wynne upon the question of the financial responsibility of Mr. Herman, and it has developed since that hearing that your answer this morning that you discouraged such a hearing and manifested a desire that the contract be awarded to the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company. Very respectfully, (Signed) C. FAYNE, Postmaster-General."

Postmaster-General Payne, in accounting for his action, stated that there was no charge that Mr. Metcalfe had done anything against the law, but that his conduct was a serious indiscretion that could not be overlooked. Mr. Metcalfe, he says, has always been considered a faithful, efficient, painstaking and honest employee.

The postmaster-general, on his arrival at the department today, sent for Fourth Postmaster-General Bristow and Asst. Atty.-Gen. Robb and, after detailing the information that had been furnished him by the two gentlemen named, with Inspector Fosnes, thereupon examined Mr. Metcalfe closely for two hours, and he, it is stated, corroborated the facts stated in the letter of dismissal.

Messrs. Bristow and Robb immediately afterward had a long conference with the postmaster-general, who also

### A SIMPLE QUESTION.

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Is not the word of a representative citizen of Salt Lake City more convincing than the doubtful utterances of people living everywhere else in the Union? Read this:

James M. Morris, miner, of 41 south Sixth West, says: "I followed railroad for months, and if the constant jarring of the train, the stooping, twisting and turning involved in my occupation, was not the primary cause of kidney trouble it certainly aggravated it when the attacks occurred. Later, I had considerable annoyance from the dull, disagreeable aching in my back often so persistent and nagging that I was unable to complete a day's work. I have been so uncomfortable in any position that to rest was out of the question and very often my sleep was disturbed. I knew from the action and condition of the kidney secretions that those organs required attention but when a man exhausted all his knowledge of medicine and standard remedies guaranteed to check such disturbances, and all his efforts are futile, he naturally becomes discouraged or is constantly on the outlook for some means to help. In this way I read advertisements concerning Doan's Kidney Pills and went to the F. J. Hill Drug Co.'s store for a box. If a dose or two had not helped I never would have continued the treatment, and if the treatment had not been very satisfactory I could not be induced under any consideration to publicly endorse the remedy."

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cept for First Assistant-General Wynne, who has immediate supervision of the money order system and who has insisted on the lowest bidder being given a hearing and the opportunity to demonstrate his ability to fulfill his contract. The postmaster-general later conferred with President Roosevelt, and the order of dismissal followed.

Postmaster-General Payne's voice trembled with emotion as he announced the dismissal of the newspaper man this afternoon. He said it had become his duty to make the removal and it was a step which he could not avoid in the proper discharge of duty. In reply to questions he said no controversial issue was given as yet to the appointment of a successor, but that the duties of superintendent for the present would devolve on Mr. Metcalfe's assistant, He is Edward F. Kimball of Massachusetts, who has been in the service 17 years.

Mr. Metcalfe was originally appointed from Iowa and had been in the postal service since 1882. Since his administration of the office the money order service has been widely extended by mutual arrangements with a large number of foreign governments throughout the world and Mr. Metcalfe has enjoyed cordial personal relations with many foreign officials. His salary was \$3,000 a year.

The Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company has been the contractor for the money order blanks for 16 years. Norman Metcalfe, the 27-year-old son of the deposed superintendent, draws a salary of \$2,250 from the company.

Mr. Metcalfe tonight said that he had done nothing wrong and had nothing to conceal that his son's employment by the bidding firm could have no effect on the award; that he suggested Herman because he (Mr. Metcalfe) knew that Herman's means were limited and that a stoppage of supplies in the midst of the bidding would have proved serious. He says that with Herman's consent he wrote to Mr. Hallenbeck, advising that Mr. Herman be restored to his old place, and that he told Herman that he had little doubt that the government would allow Herman to withdraw his forfeit check of \$5,000.

### Bi Centennial of John Wesley.

Chicago, June 18.—In a special edition of the Northwestern Christian Advocate issued to commemorate the bi-centennial of the birth of John Wesley, a letter from President Roosevelt to the Methodist people of the United States appears. In it the president says:

"To Americans the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley must have a peculiar interest for it is in our own country that the great church which he founded has reached its largest development; and the wonderful growth of Methodism has taken place during the period of our national life. The Methodist congregations played a peculiar part in the pioneer history of our country and it would be hard to over estimate what we owe to the early circuit riders, no less than to their successors."

### Stabbed His Wife.

Kingston, N. Y., June 18.—John J. Condon, Jr., whose father's will allows him only the income of an inheritance, because the young man intended, if he received the money outright, to buy a saloon in New York, has stabbed and probably fatally wounded his wife. Condon is said to have told his father that he intended to start a saloon with his inheritance, so that the father, in New York City, killed his son only an income from the large estate. Young Condon regretted his having told about the saloon and brought suit to have the will set aside. After giving testimony he became involved in a quarrel with his young wife at their home and is said to have slashed her neck with a table knife causing probably fatal wounds. Condon was immediately arrested.

### Peruvian Plot Nipped in Bud.

New York, June 18.—In connection with arrests a few days ago, in Peru of numerous politicians, a Herald dispatch from Lima says:

"The government has nipped in the bud a Peruvian plot to overthrow the means of falsified documents to be incorporated by congress. It was the purpose to annul the election of Candamo and proclaim another president. Disruption of congress by force, and perhaps by fighting in the streets would have followed. The prisoners were released and sent home with a warning to remain there."

### Pleaded Guilty to Scalping.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 17.—Abel Cohn and Harry Katz, clothing clerks, who pleaded guilty last Friday to scalping Pennsylvania railroad tickets, were sentenced today by Judge Weiss. Cohn was ordered to pay a fine of \$450 and costs, and Katz a fine of \$25 and costs. In view of the defendants' pleading guilty, Judge Weiss said he would not sentence them to prison.

### Hiram S. Armstrong Dead.

New York, June 17.—Hiram S. Armstrong, prominent for many years in the clothing trade of New York, and widely known in Masonic circles, is dead from heart failure. He retired from active business several years ago.

### Glass Trade Conditions.

Pittsburg, June 17.—A joint meeting of the American Glass Association and Federation Window Glass companies is being held here to consider general trade conditions which are said to be perplexing owing largely to the cessation of building operations caused by labor disputes. Yesterday the National Jobbers' association rejected the manufacturers' proposition to sell 300,000 boxes of glass at 88 per cent of the list. At today's meeting it is said the manufacturers may make a better proposition to the jobbers, and pending the result of the meeting the representatives of the jobbers will remain in the city.

### World's Wooen Elect Officers.

Indianapolis, June 17.—Wrangling in the Woodmen's convention began today. The administration forces wanted the consideration of insurance rates postponed until Friday, and to take up election of officers today. J. G. Johnson and his faction of "anties" desired that the readjustment of rates be taken up first. It was decided to proceed with the election which resulted: Head consul, A. R. Tabbot of Nebraska; head clerk, C. W. Hawes, Ill.; head banker, P. R. Smith, Mo. Directors—G. W. Kelly, Ill.; C. G.

Saunders, Ia.; P. R. Smith, Mo.; E. E. Murphy, Kan.; J. L. Byrnes, Mich. The "anties" presented no candidates. W. H. Murphy, representing the California promotion committee, is here working to secure the 1904 convention for his state.

### Variations of Omicron Cent.

University of California, Cal., June 18.—Through a series of investigations, Dr. Joel Stebbins, fellow of the Lick observatory, has made the remarkable discovery that the variable star Omicron Cent., which has been known to vary at uncertain intervals since 1896 is at present undergoing extraordinary fluctuations and a variation in brightness of at least 2,000 times its ordinary intensity. This discovery is of unusual value to the astronomical world from the fact that the scientists had believed the star to be inert. A bulletin announcing the discovery has just been issued from the university.

### Money for Western Reserve Academy.

Cleveland, June 18.—James W. Ellsworth of Chicago has offered \$50,000 for an endowment of Western Reserve academy at Hudson, a part of Western Reserve university of Cleveland. The money is offered on condition that the trustees of Western Reserve university raise another \$50,000 or else provide the academy with a yearly income of \$2,500. The trustees of Western Reserve university have not yet taken any action in the matter.

### SITUATION AT MORENOL.

Mining Companies Ask Governor for Troop of Regulars.

Clifton, Ariz., June 17.—The Morenol situation is as follows: Fully one-half of the miners have returned to work on the companies' terms. The remainder are still on strike and discontented. As only 25 strikers were disarmed, the miners still have possession of their arms and the absolute withdrawal of troops is not deemed advisable. The mining companies have called upon the governor, asking that a troop of regulars be stationed at Morenol for a number of months. It is expected that more miners will return to work before the end of the week. The companies are adapting every miner to go to work, whether he be a stranger or not. They expect by the end of the month all of the mines will be working with a full force.

### A TRAGEDY AVERTED.

It Grew Out of a Game of Cards on An Ocean Liner.

New York, June 18.—Some of the passengers who have just returned from Europe on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II say a tragedy was narrowly averted two days before the liner reached New York. The affair grew out of a card game. The names of the two men involved have not been learned.

It was after midnight when the attention of persons in the smoking room was attracted by the sound of a card game. One of the players who had called a large raise suddenly threw down his hand, jumped up and struck the winner, whom he called a "cheat."

In another moment the two men were locked together and struggling back and forth about the room. Tumbling over a chair, both fell heavily. The smaller man managed to gain his freedom.

As he jumped to his feet he reached for a weapon, but on the instant that he drew out a revolver, the larger man dashed out into the dark.

Running after him the smaller man found himself looking down the barrel of a revolver heavier than his own. He hesitated for only an instant and was whirling his own weapon into position to fire when the men who had been unwilling witnesses of the scuffle rushed upon him from behind and pinned his arms behind his back. The deck stewards aided in quieting the two men and prevented further hostilities.

The contestants were escorted to their staterooms and the affair was not heard of again.

### Prince Nicholas to King Peter.

Vienna, June 18.—In his telegram of congratulation to King Peter, Prince Nicholas of Montenegro says: "To the whole of Serbia I send wishes of happiness, but first of all to her heroes who, in the person of the grandson of George the Black, today received the long desired knight of a knightly stock in the New York city, which he and his inborn virtue and his freedom and independence of Serbia was conquered and established."

"All the Serbs from the sea to the Danube greet your auspicious succession."

"The founders of our houses, Karageorge and Vladika Danilo, will ever live and glow in Serbian hearts."

"Hail to the Justice of God; hail to you, hero of the Serbian people."

"The community of our feelings and blood is a pledge to all the Serbs that the indivisible friendship of Serbia and Montenegro will ever gleam holy and healing for our people."

"Above this sacred gleam hovers the angelic soul of Zorka, my daughter and your spouse, whose blood and love shall ever unite your children and mine. Long live the King of Serbia."

### Church Troubles in Philippines.

Rome, June 18.—Mgr. Nozadella, formerly archbishop of Manila, although repeatedly asked for his opinion regarding the appointment of American and Filipino bishops in the Philippine islands has refused, saying that he had nothing to do with the matter made on leaving the archbishopric which he repeated verbally and amplified in writing when in Rome.

In these reports Mgr. Nozadella always has insisted that the Americanization of the clergy in the Philippines would be a failure ending in disaster to the Catholic church there. He also professed to have great distrust in the native clergy.

The Vatican has little faith in the native priests, hence the proposition of Mgr. Guidi, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines in favor of the appointment of two native bishops has not been accepted. The Vatican fears that these bishops might invest with the episcopal dignity some schismatic prelates whose position would thus become valid. Padre Aglipay and his followers, in the extreme end of the church are now outside the Catholic pale and are merely playing a comedy.

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### 60,000 ACRES OF LAND

On July 1st the Twin Falls Land & Water Company will throw open for settlement under the Carey Act, 60,000 acres of land below the Twin Falls, on the Snake River, Idaho. Tickets will be sold June 24th and 25th, via Oregon Short Line, to Shoshone, Idaho, at half rates, good returning for 15 days from date of sale. A great opportunity for those contemplating a settlement in Idaho.

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## PROGRAM FOR ELKS' CONVENTION

What Will Be Done at the Big Meeting in Baltimore.

### BAND CONTEST INCLUDED.

Convention Opens Monday, July 20 With a Grand Reception—Parade Comes on Wednesday.

The Elks Library has increased to 670 volumes, and is still growing. Secy. Raybould of the Elks has just received a communication from Elks headquarters at Baltimore giving the program for the coming convention. Monday, July 20, will be occupied by a reception and escort of visiting lodges, with continuous social session at Elks hall. On Tuesday, July 21, come the opening exercises at Ford's Opera House, grand lodge session, and band contest at Electric park—no Maryland or District of Columbia bands being allowed to compete. The band contest prizes will be \$1,000, \$500, \$200 and \$200 respectively. The conditions of the band contest will be of special interest in this city, owing to a similar performance which was given last summer during the convention here:

Each competing band must participate in the line of parade. Each band shall play only one selection of its own choice—time limit not to exceed 15 minutes, and for which composition shall count for one point of merit and rendition of same two points. There will also be a final selection, for which only those bands receiving at least two points of merit in the first selection shall be eligible, as follows: Rhapsody Hongroise No. 2, Liszt.

The points of merit on the final selection will be:

No. 1, tone; No. 2, tune; No. 3, attack; No. 4, phrasing; No. 5, solo work; No. 6, ensemble work; No. 7, expression; No. 8, tempo.

In the event of a tie the following selection shall be played, viz: Overture, "Fingal's Cave," Mendelssohn. Bandmaster A. Zimmerman of the United States naval academy has charge of the contest.

The parade comes on Wednesday and the prizes offered are as follows: No. 1, silver cup, value, \$200; No. 2, American flag, value, \$100; No. 3, Elks' banner, royal purple, value, \$50; No. 4, bronze Elk, value, \$25; No. 5, exalted ruler's gavel, value, \$75; No. 6, best uniformed band, cash, \$50.

The lodge making the most unique display in the parade has the first choice of the above prizes, the best marching lodge, second choice; the best appearing lodge, third choice; the largest number in line, fourth choice; and the largest number in line coming the greatest distance, fifth choice.

In addition to the above, valuable individual prizes will be given to the Elk coming the greatest distance, the tallest Elk, the shortest Elk, the heaviest Elk, the lightest Elk, the oldest aged Elk, and the youngest Elk.

The day closes with a ladies' reception in the Elks home. Excursions follow for the three ensuing days to points of general interest, and everything will be free for the visiting delegates and their ladies.

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