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Commissioner Ware, upon a technicality, has all along been rejecting claims of Oregon and Washington veterans "because they failed to show muster into the service of the United States or pay by the United States," basing his action upon a superfluous clause of the act of 1902.

Provisions of Blackhawk War. While yet in Congress, Representative Moody appealed from this ruling, contending that the Indian War act of last year was purely an extension to the survivors of the early Northwestern wars of the provisions of the Blackhawk pension act of 1862, and as such it was not essential to show service as United States troops or pay by the Government. Acting Secretary Miller upholds the appeal of Mr. Moody, saying: "It must be clear to the most casual observer that if this act means anything it means that Congress intended to provide pensions for the very class of persons who rendered 30 days' service in these wars. The act does not limit its provisions to those who served and were discharged under the immediate military authority of the United States only, but its provisions clearly extend to those who served and were discharged under the other authorities named in the act."

Ware is Very Final. By this is meant men who were enlisted and served for 30 days in territorial organizations or in the home guards and participated in the early Indian wars. Heretofore the Pension Office has been taking advantage of every technicality to delay action on Indian War pension claims and only veterans who could show pay by the United States in any indirect manner were allowed pensions. The vast majority of the applications were turned down under the decision of the Secretary, which establishes a precedent from which there can be no appeal.

Many claims heretofore rejected will be reconsidered and pensions will be allowed. The Secretary interprets the law in its liberal sense, and holds that, inasmuch as Congress intended the pensions should be paid, he has instructed the Pension Office to place no unnecessary obstacles in the path, but to pass upon applications in the light of his decision.

A large number of issues is sure to follow upon this decision, which has been persistently fought for by Mr. Moody for more than four months.

ASK FOR EXPLANATION.

Borneo Islands Annexation Questioned by Great Britain.

LONDON, July 16.—According to the Daily Chronicle, the action of America in annexing the islands of Borneo raises an exceedingly delicate situation, and the British Foreign Office has asked Washington for an explanation. The islands concerned, says the paper, are a group of seven, which originally belonged to the Sultan of Sulu, from whom they passed by a charter in 1861 to the control of the British North Borneo Company, whose officials confirm that they are undoubtedly British territory. They are insignificant in size, but with the highest strategic importance, dominating Sanaka harbor and Labuan.

The American side of the question, as given by the United States Embassy, says the Daily Chronicle, is that the islands are undoubtedly American by right of conquest, having belonged to the Philippines, and the Sultan of Sulu having confirmed and acknowledged American supremacy over the islands, the course taken was to demonstrate America's title to a more clearly defined line between the American possessions in the Philippines and Sulu Sea and the territories of the British Borneo Company. The islands had never been occupied by any European nation.

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Fair Accident Witnesses Are Taken Up in Paris. PARIS, July 16.—A new development has arisen in the matter of the claim for the inheritance of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, who were killed in an automobile accident last August. The judicial authorities of the department have been informed that the testimony given by an alleged eye-witness of the accident is full of contradictions and is open to the suspicion of having been inspired by a party to the suit.

A Paris Magistrate was asked to make an investigation, as the result of which two persons were arrested yesterday after-

noon on the charge of perjury. The names of the prisoners have not yet been given out.

The Journal gives additional particulars of the arrest in connection with the Fair suit of two men whose names it gives as Louis M. and Frederick M. and who testified before the New York authorities. The charge of perjury, according to the Journal, was brought against them by Mrs. Vanderbilt, and the magistrate issued instructions from New York issued the warrants for their arrest.

The prisoners protested against being arrested, declaring that they were householders and married men, and not likely to evade the judicial investigation. They were nevertheless detained in custody. The prisoners testified that they were the only witnesses to the automobile accident, but the Journal recalls that Mme. Hourlet, the wife of the janitor of the chateau in front of which the Fair were killed, declared that she was the only person who saw the catastrophe.

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ALBANY, N. Y., July 16.—Superintendent John Godley, of the Albany Hospital, today announced that George Stark, who died December 23, had been disinterred. Stark's body was delivered to his relatives in the same condition in which it was when he died. If Stark's body was tampered with, it was after it left our care.

Superintendent Godley refused to say what was the cause of Stark's death. Dr. Vanover, who attended Stark at the hospital, said tonight that Stark's was an unusual form of blood-poisoning.

CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. Missouri Editors Publish Articles Charging Corruption. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 16.—Upon information filed by Attorney-General Crow, Circuit Justice Robinson, of the Supreme Court, today issued an order to John C. H. Smith, editor of the Sedalia Capital, and Mr. Shepard, editor of the Warrensburg Standard-Herald, directing them to return to the court at 10 o'clock on July 22 and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court for publishing an article attacking that body for a recent decision.

The decision was in the case of a suit against the Missouri Pacific Railway for damages which the Supreme Court reversed and decided for the railroad. The article in question is said to have charged corruption of the court and attacked the court in strong language.

TRAMP ASSAULTS YOUNG GIRL. Shot While Attempting to Escape Pursuers. INDIANA, Pa., July 16.—Margaret Barkley, aged 17 years, daughter of John M. Barkley, a farmer, was assaulted last night by Frank Will, a tramp, while she was returning from the postoffice. The girl's father, accompanied by a number of others, found the tramp secreted in a house near by, and in attempting to escape he was probably fatally shot by Barkley.

BLAMES THE BOOKKEEPING. B. & O. Auditor's Accounts Found to Be Short. CUMBERLAND, Md., July 16.—William H. Doerner has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Clarence Christie, auditor of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, charging Doerner with embezzling \$17,341 of the company's funds. Doerner had been cashier for ten years and declares he is a victim of faulty bookkeeping.

Heirs to Murdered Man's Money. KINDERHOOK, N. Y., July 16.—It is peculiar that the three Vaworner boys, Willis, Burton and Frederick, now awaiting death at Dannemora, will come in for a share of the estate of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenback, whom they were convicted of having murdered last Christmas. Besides considerable real estate he left about \$5000 in personal property. Mrs. Hallenback, the widow, died last week and it has been found she left will. The Vaworner boys, as nephews, will have a claim on the estate. They are likely to secure an appeal on the funds that are at hand.

Embezzler Confesses His Crime. NEW YORK, July 16.—Charles E. Stern, who in 1896, while engaged in a banking business in this city, disappeared with \$1500 of the bank's money, appeared in court today ready to confess his crime. He told the court that he had traveled all over the world, but misfortune had followed him, and he could stand disgrace no longer.

Today the only one of the five original complainants who could be secured appeared in court and asked for clemency for Stern. The court granted the request and paroled Stern.