

HARD ON HEATH

Cowherd Says He Appears in Bad Light

INVOLVED IN POSTAL DEALS

Beavers Referred to ex-Chief as "Our Friend" in Letter.

MYSTERIOUS STOCK ISSUANCE

House Considers the Sensational Report on Irregularities, but Delays Final Action Until Members Can Inform Themselves.

- HOUSE COMMITTEE. Jesse Overstreet, Indiana. John J. Gardner, New Jersey. Nehemiah D. Sperry, Connecticut. Thomas Hedge, Iowa. Joseph C. Conroy, Pennsylvania. Howard M. Snapp, Illinois. Herman M. Goebel, Ohio. Malvor Stevenson, Minnesota. William H. Rainford, Wisconsin. Archibald B. Durrach, Michigan. Victor Murdock, Kansas. John A. Moon, Tennessee. James M. Griggs, Georgia. William S. Cowherd, Missouri. Frank E. Wilson, New York. David E. Finley, South Carolina. Theodore F. Klutz, North Carolina. Josiah K. Kalaniasole, Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Postal affairs engrossed the attention of the House today, practically to the exclusion of all else. The subject was introduced by Overstreet, chairman of the committee on postoffice and postroads. He submitted the report of that committee on the Hay resolution calling for certain information regarding the use of "influence" by members of the House to secure increase in salary for postmasters. There was a full attendance of members on both sides of the chamber when Overstreet stated he had been directed by the unanimous vote of the committee to recommend that the Hay resolution be tabled, as the information wanted accompanies the report. Minority members urged that debate and vote on the resolution should be deferred, as they had not had an opportunity to read the report, so an agreement was reached to postpone further action until Wednesday and 400 copies of the report were ordered printed. There will be three hours' debate on the motion to table, and a formal amendment will be offered by the minority to provide for a general investigation of the Postoffice Department. Overstreet, in connection with the report, said that in his opinion there was not a single instance of any reflection on the integrity of any member.

Appeal for General Investigation. The postoffice appropriation bill was then taken up and Moon (Dem., Tenn.), the ranking minority member of the postoffice committee, arraigned the present system employed in the Postoffice Department, and made an appeal for a general investigation of the affairs of the department.

Cowherd (Dem., Mo.), also a member of the committee, followed with an analytical review of the charges made in the Bristow report, which he referred to as a shameful story of fraud and maladministration. Without debate the House unanimously adopted the resolution of Martin (Rep., S. D.) directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the causes of the differences which exist between the prices of livestock and dressed beef.

When the House convened a communication from the Postmaster-General was read, in which it was stated that the department was burdened with a lot of useless documents, and Messrs. Bates (Pa.) and Burrier (Dem., N. Y.) were appointed a committee to make the recommendations as to their disposal. Overstreet, chairman of the committee on postoffice and postroads, then called up the privileges report on the Hay resolution calling for certain information regarding the use of "influence" by members of the House to secure increases, etc., in salaries of postmasters. Overstreet said the committee had unanimously directed him to report that the resolution be laid on the table, but before making that motion he asked that an agreement be reached as to general debate on the motion before taking a vote. He said the committee has felt there has been no violation of the law in the recommendation for increased clerk hire and rent. He did not think there was any instance in the cases cited in the report which reflected upon members and their only motive was to promote the interest of their constituents, and they trusted public officials to discharge their duties.

Members Are Exonerated. Continuing, Overstreet said that in view of the overwhelming sentiment that the committee was keeping something from the light, the committee recommended that they show to the country by the exhibit accompanying the report there has been a complete exoneration of members of the House. Instead of there being a reflection upon the members, Overstreet said their honor and respect would be enriched.

While Overstreet was speaking on the postoffice appropriation, a messenger brought in a bundle which contained copies of the report of the committee on the Hay resolution. Members crowded about the desk where the reports were distributed and business was suspended until each member was supplied with a copy.

Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, also suggested that the resolution go over, to which Overstreet agreed, and it was arranged that the resolution should be called up immediately after the reading of the journal Wednesday, when there will be three hours' general debate before a vote is taken on the motion to table. It was also agreed that the report of the committee giving information bearing on the report be printed and that the minority be permitted to move an amendment providing for a general investigation of postoffice affairs, subject, however, to a point of order to be raised by Overstreet. The House then went into committee of the whole on postoffice appropriation.

Moon (Dem., Tenn.), the ranking minority of the postoffice committee disavowing any political purpose in view of the evidence at hand, urged it to be the duty of the House to look closely into the affairs of the Postoffice Department. The system of administration, he said, was weak, and an investigation might en-

able the House to revise and strengthen the system. The "illness," he said, which had been found in one branch may have permeated to other branches. He expressed the hope that the House would act to protect wrongdoers in office, but said they were desirous in not providing a better system.

Cowherd (Dem., Mo.) said that in criticizing the administration of the Postoffice Department he wanted first to pay his compliments to the postoffice committee. It has worked hard and its chairman has shown great zeal and ability. To correct the existing evils, Congress should order an investigation with a view to getting rid of the maladministration that had obtained during the past few years.

Says Heath Put Him In. The provision in the bill for a purchasing agent to buy supplies for the department was commended by Cowherd. He declared that M. W. Louis had been put into the service by ex-First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath as cashier of the Kansas City postoffice, and immediately transferred to Washington as head of the supply division, because contracts were to be let shortly afterward. Over 2,000 pounds of ink had been bought at an increased price when it previously had taken only 2,500 pounds. Metcalf, superintendent of the money order system, was mentioned in connection with the printing contract for money order blanks.

"Did not we have a right to expect some recommendation from the department after those disclosures for a change in the method of making contracts? Yet no recommendations came." Referring to the Montague indicator, Cowherd said 100 shares of the stock were to go to ex-First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath. Beavers held 200 shares in the name of Richardson, the president of the company. Continuing, Cowherd said:

"These shares had not been transferred to Beavers, mark you. Beavers said he had not seen Mr. Heath, as he had been hard to locate just now, being busy on National business matters." "In August, 1903, Beavers writes to Richardson, as follows: "Dear Richardson: Our friend in Salt Lake wants inclosed stock drawn in the name of Glenn G. Bacon. Kindly issue new certificates and have these destroyed. Forward same to me by registered mail."

"On the face of this certificate, the return certificate, is a notice as follows: "Editor Salt Lake Tribune." On the back of it is an endorsement similar to that in the case of Mr. Heath. The Bacon mentioned is an uncle by marriage of Mr. Heath. The certificate is finally returned to the company anonymously in a blank envelope after the investigation began, and the blank envelope is destroyed, so we do not know from what place it was returned. Of course, no man can say that this testimony shows conclusively the complicity of ex-First Assistant Postmaster-General, because the testimony must rely largely upon the statements of Beavers, who is himself known to be dishonest and disreputable; that is, if the Bristow report is to be believed at all. Therefore, we cannot rely upon his statements. But I submit that in view of this shameful story of graft that has gone on in the department under his management with so many clues leading toward him, it seems to me the most extreme measure might well have been adopted to find out whether there has been a conspiracy on the part of that gentleman. I submit further that the report on the Tulloch charges shows that numbers of people were employed on the Bristow charges with a distinct understanding that they were never to do a day's work. In the case of Postmasters, when they employed men unwarrantably, they were sued and compelled to return the money; and it seems to me the same course ought to have been followed by the Postoffice Department and the Administration of the United States in respect to the ex-First Assistant Postmaster-General.

This was his reason for demanding a Congressional investigation of the department. As emphasizing this necessity still further, he called attention to the item of \$2,000,000 in the bill for separating the mails in the third and fourth-class postoffices. This item last year, he said, was \$2,000,000, and it was in the contemplation of that appropriation that Bristow charged Beavers had used it to advance his political standing, and to give away to his personal and political friends."

Dollars and Cents Most Positive. The expenditure for rent, fuel and light referred to by Bristow as being extravagantly used by Beavers was another matter cited. Cowherd maintained that the estimates in these cases had not been reduced by the department. Touching on the reason why certain devices were adopted by the department, Cowherd read an extract from a letter of Miller, the Washington agent of the Time Clock Company, to Brandt of that company, as follows:

"I am satisfied that we have the assurance and friendship of both parties, Heath and Beavers, and all that is necessary is to cultivate that friendship if not by kind words, by dollars and cents, and I think the latter will be the most positive. However, the lines we have out now will result in a change of programme with respect to the Bristow charges."

Cowherd said the Bristow report was a story of fraud and corruption covering a period of several years. Mr. Bristow's investigation, he went on, had covered only one of the great evils which the department and barely reached into another. He appealed to the House, in the light of this showing, which, he said, was a shameful story of fraud and maladministration, to order an investigation of the other bureaus.

Van Duser (Dem., Nev.) entertained the House with a defense of his state with special reference to its mining. Murdock (Kan.) said the deficit that has grown up in the Postoffice Department was because improvements in the service had been pushed ahead of the revenues. He said that the deficit was especially large because Roosevelt to cut a canal across the Isthmus so Columbus could have sailed through and discovered the United States on the Western coast, the people of the New England States would now be asking for admission to statehood.

The committee rose and the resolution by Martin (S. D.) directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the causes of the differences which exist between the cost of livestock and dressed beef, was passed without division or debate.

A bill permitting the Kiowa, Chickasaw & Fort Smith Railway Company to sell all its railroad and other property in Indian Territory was passed. The House at 5:40 P. M. adjourned until tomorrow.

NO FLAW IN CANAL TITLE. Panama Company Can Proceed With the Transfer to America.

PARIS, March 7.—According to the officials of the Panama Canal Company, no obstacle has arisen to the transfer of the concession to the United States. The company understands that Mr. Cramer, the American counsel for the company, will be accompanied abroad by Special Assistant Attorney-General Russell, of the Department of Justice, who will see that everything is transferred with due regularity.

Death Record for Decade Broken. NEW YORK, March 7.—All pneumonia and general death records for a decade are shown to be broken by the Health Department for the past week, which recorded 180 deaths, 499 of which were attributed to pneumonia.

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VOTES FOR MORE SHIPS SENATE PASSES THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL. Amendment to Have the Government Build an Armor Plant is Tabled. WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Senate today passed the naval appropriation bill, which has been before it for the past four or five days, and then took up the Army bill. The principal question debated in connection with the naval bill related to the price and method of supplying armor for battleships, and it grew out of an amendment suggested by Patterson providing for a Government armor plant. He ultimately withdrew the amendment, but offered several others, all of which were laid on the table. The reading of the Army appropriation bill had not been concluded when the Senate adjourned. Bills were passed authorizing bail in certain criminal cases on appeal in the Indian Territory, and validating certain conveyances of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Foraker presented the credentials of Senator-elect Charles Dick, to succeed the late Senator Hanna, both for the unexpired term ending March 4, and for the full term of six years beginning at the latter date. The credentials were read. Mr. Dick was not present to take the oath. The naval appropriation bill was then taken up. Patterson offered an armor-plate amendment, against which Hale said he should make a point of order after Patterson had discussed the amendment. The amendment provided that if the Secretary of the Navy should be unable to procure armor for the vessels authorized at prices which in his judgment are reasonable, he is authorized and directed to expend so much of the \$2,000,000 appropriated for armor as may be necessary to erect a factory for the manufacture of armor. Declares They Are in Steel Trust. Patterson asserted that since 1898 the Government has been letting its armor contract to a combination that has fixed the price and determined the bidding. He reviewed the armor-plate controversy, declaring the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies "to be in league with and members of the steel trust." Platt (Conn.) asked how long it would take to complete such a factory, and Hale, in charge of the bill, replied that it would take three to four years. In speaking of the continued growth of the Navy, Patterson said the completion of the naval program would place the

WON HER LOVE FROM AUTHOR Broncho-Buster Who Bested Justin McCarthy Passes Away. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 7.—James C. Mitchell, the most noted broncho-buster in America, and the man who is said to have supplanted Justin H. McCarthy, the English author and playwright, in the affections of Florence Toole, daughter of the English actor, John L. Toole, has been buried here with civil honors. Mitchell met Miss Toole and Justin McCarthy at a Wild West performance in London, 14 years ago. An affection sprang up between the "broncho-buster" and the English belle, which resulted in her estrangement from McCarthy and her engagement to Mitchell. They were to be married at the close of his contract with the Wild West Show, which had two years to run. They corresponded regularly, and just as Mitchell was to start for London for his bride, Miss Toole died. Mitchell had a home prepared for her, and his sisters are authority for the statement that from the moment of Miss Toole's death he never again set foot in the room that he had furnished for the bride. Mitchell is said to have had a special dispensation from the late Pope Leo granting him and his prospective descendants from the union contemplated the right of burial in consecrated ground. Former Husband of Noted Woman. NEW YORK, March 8.—Hugh Collin Morris, Gustave Halkett, of Hanover, former husband of Miss Sarah H. Phelps Stokes, of New York, is dead at Bloomsfontein, according to an American dispatch. Baron Halkett was married to Miss Stokes February 11, 1890, in this city. Theaters Go Up in Smoke. ELMIRA, N. Y., March 7.—Fire that was discovered in a cigar factory under the Lyceum Theater last night did damage of \$30,000. At 1:30 the Lyceum Theater had been entirely gutted, and the blaze had spread to the adjoining buildings. Flying sparks spread the flames to the Realty building, in which is located the Auditorium Theater, and this, too, proved a total loss. The fire is said to have been started by an explosion of natural gas in the Lyceum Theater building, but, according to another report, a burning rag was found on the Auditorium stage and this has

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