

HE TAKES REVENGE

Mitchell Discharges His Private Secretary.

BECAUSE HE RESPECTED OATH

Refusal to Divulge Grand Jury Secrets Earns Robertson Savage Abuse—Mitchell's Grandson Appointed in His Place.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Senator Mitchell, by wire today, ordered the dismissal of Harry C. Robertson, his private secretary, who was also clerk of his committee, inter-occasional canal, and had given the place, paying \$2500 a year, to his grandson, H. Mitchell Handy. The assistant clerkship is given to Mrs. De Beerhower, of this city, who was employed by Mitchell as a messenger, leaving at the last session.

Robertson left for Portland ten days ago, but had not at that time been notified he would be dismissed, though Mitchell had threatened him, it is alleged, unless he complied with certain requests. Robertson went to Portland from this city a month and a half ago to give evidence before the Federal Grand Jury against Mr. Mitchell, relative to alleged land fraud transactions and the partnership affairs of Mitchell & Tanner. It is supposed this furnishes grounds for the removal of Robertson.

Abused for Keeping Oath. Senator Mitchell's action dismissing Mr. Robertson caused no surprise here. The Senator has been intensely hostile to his former private secretary ever since Mr. Robertson, under pressure, made damaging admissions to the Federal Grand Jury in Portland and turned over the Tanner letter to District Attorney Hines. When Mr. Robertson returned to Washington it is reported that Senator Mitchell viciously assailed him, in fact, abused him roundly and threatened to dismiss him unless he would consent to furnish Mitchell information which he had sworn not to divulge, information regarding what transpired during his examination before the grand jury. Mr. Robertson declined to break his oath, and for this reason expected to be fired.

Robertson Has All Sympathy. Sympathy in Washington is all with Mr. Robertson. It has been shown that he was in no way a party to Mitchell's illegal acts, but that during his long employment by the Senator he had remained faithful to his employer. In his position he naturally came into possession of many facts which he could have used to the Senator's detriment had he been so disposed but even when he was before the grand jury, so says Mr. Hines, Mr. Robertson was a very unwilling witness, and gave up only such information as was demanded of him. He volunteered nothing. He was confronted with the choice between perjuring himself, even though he would not thereby help the Senator, and telling the truth, which only confirmed what the prosecuting officers already knew.

Persons familiar with the relations between Mitchell and Mr. Robertson have felt all along that Mitchell had only himself to blame for Mr. Robertson's admissions, and his dismissal of the latter is universally condemned.

Mitchell Handy Not Competent. The dismissal of Mr. Robertson is no more criticized, however, than is the appointment of J. Mitchell Handy, the Senator's grandson, to fill the place. Mr. Robertson, while private secretary, was also clerk to the inter-occasional canal committee, and drew \$2500 per annum. Mr. Handy was assistant clerk, and is said to be incapable of filling this office properly or of discharging the full duties of private secretary to the Senator. But it is not believed he will be expected to perform any such duties. There appears to be personal and pecuniary reasons why Mitchell appointed his grandson as clerk of his committee.

Mrs. De Beerhower, of this city, appointed assistant clerk at \$1400, did work which really fell to Mr. Handy last winter. She is supposed to be now in Washington.

INGRATITUDE, SAYS MITCHELL

Senator Gives Briefly Reason for the Discharge of Robertson.

The Oregonian made an effort to see Senator Mitchell last night, but he stated he was about to retire and had nothing to say. When the news from Washington reached Portland yesterday, stating that Mr. Robertson had been dismissed by Senator Mitchell, and that he had lost his position as clerk of his committee on inter-occasional canals, Senator Mitchell publicly announced that he had dismissed Robertson because of his "base ingratitude." The senior Senator from Oregon stated that he did not care what Mr. Robertson had testified before the Federal grand jury, but that he had discharged Robertson because of the "principle of the thing."

BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LIE

Robertson Says Mitchell Wanted Him to Violate Oath.

When seen last night Mr. Robertson said: "Senator Mitchell discharged me because I refused to perjure myself in regard to the land-fraud cases; because I refused to break my oath, after testifying, and because of the testimony I was compelled to give against him when I was called as a witness before the grand jury last month. He admits this himself, as any one can readily see by reading his interview in the Evening Telegram of today, where he says: 'I don't know, nor do I care, what he testified before the grand jury, but I discharged him for the principle of the thing in doing what he did.'"

"Every one must realize that Senator Mitchell does know, in substance at least, what I testified to, as my testimony was very fully reported in the newspapers at the time. And his denial, in this respect, is of the same character as in his recent speech before the United States Senate which is still fresh in the minds of the people."

"Senator Mitchell further says: 'He betrayed my private affairs to the Government. The betrayal of which he complains consists of the truthful answers I was compelled to give to questions relating to the firm business of Mitchell & Tanner, when called as a witness before the grand jury and in not perjuring myself in regard to the same, as he endeavored to have me do, and as he succeeded in having some of his other friends do.'"

"I am not surprised. After my return to Washington last month I was threatened by Senator Mitchell with dismissal unless I complied with certain demands as they were made on me. Those I declined to comply with, as they would involve a

EACH FOR ITSELF

Attitude of Powers in Santo Domingo Casa.

CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SENATE

Belgium Alarmed for Its Claims, Inquires What United States Will Do—Other Powers in the Same Position.

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 23.—In the Magistrate's court today, counsel for Gagnon and Greene virtually accused Judge La Fontaine, Extradition Commissioner, of being under contract with the United States in connection with the extradition cases. Many personalities were indicated by the charges, but agreed to withdraw and allow the case to be tried before Chief Justice La Crosse. Donald McAdams, who represented the United States, characterized the charges as a libel.

The chief counsel for the defense then moved for suspension of the proceedings on technical grounds, in support of which he presented two memoranda, one to and one from the Minister, who, Mr. Taschereau argued, had the right to determine whether the accused had committed an extraditable offense, or whether the basic principle of the extradition treaty was being violated. Judge La Fontaine overruled Mr. Taschereau's motion.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Taschereau again stated that it was the desire of the defense that the case should be taken before another Judge, Mr. McAlister, for the United States, asserted, provided that the Government accepted responsibility for the legality of the proceedings. This Mr. Taschereau declined to do, and the case was continued.

Assistant Attorney-General of Georgia, filed the records of the proceedings in the courts of Georgia bound in five volumes. Mr. Taschereau immediately requested the court to order to give the defense an opportunity to examine the documents. Further documentary evidence was filed by E. J. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and J. W. Hester, Deputy Assistant Treasurer of New York. Court then adjourned until Thursday.

MAKE PANAMA PAY HER SHARE

Foreign Bondholders in Vain Asked Roosevelt to Interfere.

LONDON, March 23.—The Council of Foreign Bondholders today gave out the correspondence exchanged between Secretary Hay and Lord Avebury regarding Panama. Mr. Hay, in a letter to Lord Avebury, dated February 23, stated that the United States cannot withhold further payments to Panama until the settlement of Panama's share in the Colombian debt is arranged. The reason given was that the Council of Foreign Bondholders is not composed of citizens of the United States, and cannot claim the assistance of the American Government.

Lord Avebury in his reply to Mr. Hay, dated March 10, said he regretted that the American Government was unable to comply with the request. Referring to President Roosevelt's recent message, saying that the special reason for American intervention in Santo Domingo was that foreign governments were pressing their claims against the Dominican government, Lord Avebury says he had hoped President Roosevelt would be ready to assist the holders of Colombian bonds, whose claims are at least as good as those of the Santo Domingo bondholders, and who have a right to special consideration in view of the prejudice from which they suffered in consequence of the secession of Panama from Colombia.

Lord Avebury concluded by asking Secretary Hay whether the United States will interfere to secure the recognition by Panama of an equitable share in the Santo Domingo debt.

SHOULD BE TREATED AS DISEASE

Dr. Mix Favors Hospitals Instead of Prohibition for Drunkards.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Hospital ships for habitual drunkards, to be anchored in a safely isolated part of the harbor, is the scheme proposed by Dr. C. J. Mix, expert in the treatment of alcoholic patients, in a lecture before the social science class in the fine arts building.

HAS PLANS FOR MORE SUBWAYS

New York Opens Bids for Structures Costing \$250,000,000.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Plans for subways to cost \$250,000,000, submitted by the New York City Railway Company and by the Interborough Company were made public today by the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners. The plans of the New York City Railway Company call for an outlay of \$150,000,000. August Belmont's plans for additions to the Interborough system provide for the expenditure of \$50,000,000.

The Interborough Company's plans call for a four-track extension of the present subway from Grand Central Station to 14th street, the Bronx, on the East Side; an extension on the West Side from Times square to the Battery; two additional tracks to the Second Avenue Elevated, and extensions and loops on Manhattan Island and in Brooklyn.

The plans of the New York City Railway Company provide for three complete new lines paralleling the present subway, with a cross-town line at Thirty-fourth street and Brooklyn Bridge.

PROMOTE A REBEL BRIGADIER

President Will Raise Rouser From Postmaster to Marshal.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Roosevelt recently appointed General Rouser, who was the youngest Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army, Postmaster at Charlottesville, Va. At the time the appointment was made it was intimated that a better position might be provided for General Rouser in the future. It is understood that he will be nominated as United States Marshal for the western district of Virginia on the expiration of the term of the present incumbent.

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WASHINGTON, March 23.—In the absence of the Belgian Minister, Baron Moncheur, in New York, nothing is known at the Belgian Legation regarding the statement of President Morales, in the dispatches from Santo Domingo, published today, that the Belgian claims are being pressed. Several days ago Baron Moncheur received from his government a cablegram asking if any investigation was to be made by an American commission into the Dominican situation.

It is supposed that, in view of the Senate's refusal to deal with the Dominican matter, the Belgian government feels it is forced to pursue its own course. Other European powers also, while willing to await the negotiation of Secretary Hay, regard the attitude of the Senate as opposed to the proposed course of the government that they will be obliged to act individually on the question.

Other Powers Are Vigilant.

The Belgian government has kept in close touch with the State Department in the preceding phases of the Santo Domingo matter. Last Fall, Italy and Germany, Belgium and the United States, regarding the attitude of the Senate as to the proposed course of the government that they will be obliged to act individually on the question.

Hope of Treaty Not Given Up.

But the State Department officials have by no means abandoned hope for the treaty and Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary Adee have been in conference and in communication with Senator Cullom, chairman of the Senate committee on foreign relations, respecting the enforcement of information and the collection of facts and figures which it is expected, will go far toward removing any doubt as to the merits of the treaty that may linger in the minds of the Senators when the Senate reassembles. Not only is this work being conducted in Washington, but in Santo Domingo, where the one-time Secretary of the Treasury of Porto Rico, has been selected by the President to go to Santo Domingo, make a thorough study of the financial conditions and report to him personally before Congress meets again, and Secretary Taft today conferred with Captain Pillsbury relative to sending him to Santo Domingo on a naval vessel.

JIMINEZ PARTY IS MOVING.

Followers of ex-President Tell Him to Prepare to Fight.

SANTO DOMINGO, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 23.—It is rumored that at a meeting of the Jiminez party it was resolved to telegraph to the followers of the former aspirant to the Presidency of the United States, to prepare for a struggle with the government in taking the situation to meet coming quiet. The situation, although at present quiet, is critical.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Mrs. Anne Edsworth Warner, wife of a contractor, fell dead at the worktable at Cincinnati and in her bustle were found \$3000 in bonds and \$11 in cash. The astronomical expedition sent out by D. O. Mills, of New York, from Lock observatory, California, to Santiago de Chile, has discovered 30 double stars.

Twenty-four Chinese, smuggled over the Mexican border in a boxcar at El Paso, Texas, were arrested yesterday in the Southern Pacific yards at Yuma, Ariz. The battleship Kansas will be christened by breaking a bottle of Kansas crude oil over its prow in the place of a bottle of champagne, as is the custom.

Mrs. John Cox has been elected principal of the Chappaqua Institute, a Quaker school at Westchester, N. Y., and is the first woman to hold that position.

John Connor, who is wanted in the United States on charges of embezzlement, was arrested yesterday at Bally Mote, County Sligo, Ireland, where he had arrived to visit relatives.

A rubber vulcanizer blew up in a dental factory at Chicago yesterday and the heavy metal top went through the skylight 50 feet in the air and dropped to the pavement at Randolph and State streets.

It is reported that the Government of Bolivia intends to send many young men who display talent to Santiago to study

CLUB PIANOS ARRIVE

Four More Carloads Received Yesterday by Ellers Piano House.

Distribution Commences at Once—Closing Days of the Co-operative Piano Clubs Extremely Busy—Members Joining From Everywhere.

Scores of inquiries concerning the co-operative clubs and orders for pianos from all over the country, coming pouring in by every mail. People from outside towns and hamlets and even remote farms and ranches are flocking to the country here "golden wind" of the wonderful bargains that this co-operative club sale offers and the way they are coming in at "fish-bait" amounts almost to a scramble.

It is no little thing to be able to save \$100, \$200 or even \$300 on the price of a piano. Practical people recognize this, and are not taking a great deal of investigation to convince the most skeptical that this is now possible through the co-operative club.

Just as fast as we can get the pianos from the factories we are making deliveries. Yesterday four carloads came from the East, and of these 29 deliveries were made the same day in the city, as well as to various and railway stations. We are prepared to meet every kind of reasonable order, and every make of piano and every style included in these clubs, and which include every piano carried regularly by us, besides a number of very good used, odd style and sample pianos to be found at our salesrooms, corner Washington and Broadway, and in our great warehouse down on the railway tracks, and new arrivals are being received continually, so that buyers do not have to wait for their purchases.

Sale closes this month. Those intending to join should bear this in mind and act accordingly.

The very finest pianos we carry—Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Hobart M. Cable, Stone & Clark, Hazeltine, Lester, Hardorff, Schumann, etc., etc., included in this sale. Good, reliable ones that can be bought for \$100.00. Payments on these latter only \$5 cash and \$1.25 a week. Every instrument fully guaranteed and money back in every instance where there is not absolute satisfaction. Ellers Piano House, 1000 Broadway, New York City. Other large stores, San Francisco, Stockton and Oakland, Cal.; Spokane, Wash.; Boise and Lewiston, Idaho.

in the military academy. This is accepted as a sign of the rapprochement of the two republics.

The eruption of Vesuvius is abating, there being only an occasional puff of light material and smoke.

There is a movement in New York to erect at a cost of \$200,000 a building for the Central Exhibition of the American and foreign art, and to provide a home for art societies of New York. The works of art shown there would be sent to other cities for exhibition.

President Roosevelt Fish, of the Illinois Central Railroad, says the water supply of the company's docks at New Orleans was tampered with before the recent fire in such a way that much property was lost which might have been saved.

Motorman James Daly was seriously injured, several persons were slightly hurt and traffic in the New York subway was blocked for an hour during the rush hours yesterday as a result of a rear-end collision. Angry passengers smashed car windows when the company refused to refund.

The finding of a note declaring her intention to take her life has cleared the mystery surrounding the finding of the body of a young woman in the lake at Wilmette, Ill., on Saturday. The note, identified as that of Miss Annie Nelson, a nurse girl, and a disappointment in love is the supposed cause of her suicide.

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A party of 33 men, women and children who call themselves descendants of a lost tribe of Israel, has arrived in New York from Australia, bound for Benton Harbor, Mich., to join a colony of 600 members of the same sect. They are carrying with them a large quantity of money and believe in the saving of the mortal body as well as the soul.

Mrs. Lizzie Billingsley, alleging that her son, Charles E. Billingsley, signed her name to a note for \$2000 on the First National Bank of Guthrie, Okla., of which he was president, the court has appointed a medical commission to examine Mr. Billingsley as to his physical health in order to attend court. The bank failed for \$1,000,000 and Mrs. Billingsley is sued by the receiver for the amount of the note.

Faith Cure Proves Fatal. —NEW YORK, March 23.—An inquest by the Coroner has begun into the

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Women's two-clasp, double finger-tipped Silk Gloves, black, white, slate, mode and Brown \$50c Women 12-button length, double finger-tipped Silk Gloves, black and white only \$75c Women's two-clasp, double finger-tipped Silk Gloves, black, white, brown, navy, mode and gray \$75c Women's two-clasp, London quality Trefousse Suede Gloves, Paris point embroidery, black, white, Slate and mode; regular \$1.75 special \$1.49

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Notion Store

5000 Turnover Back Combs, always sold for 15c, in shell and amber; special today \$9c Foster's new colored silk, straight front Pad Supporters; price \$60c New Tan Laces, 1 inch wide, in the 30-inch length \$5c New silk Side Supporters, in sky, pink, scarlet, black and white, sew on or pin; special \$50c

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death of A. W. Nunn, a resident of Brooklyn, who died recently from a fractured skull received in a fall. Nunn was treated by Christian Science methods, and the services of a doctor were refused until the matter came to the attention of the authorities. Nunn's condition was then hopeless, however, and he died in a few days.

One witness, a physician, who examined Nunn, testified before the inquest that Nunn had been subjected to the Christian Science treatment for six weeks, despite the fact that with ordinary medical treatment he would have recovered in a short time. The hearing was not concluded.

Class Fight May Cause Death. GOLDEN, Colo., March 23.—Harry B. Clapp, of Denver, and Arthur J. Weing, of Durango, Colo., both freshmen at the State School of Mines, are suffering from injuries received in a class battle which occurred between freshmen and

sophomores. Clapp is unconscious from concussion of the brain and may die. Weing is injured internally and is in a critical condition.

SUE RICHEST WOMAN IN WORLD Grandchildren of Philadelphia Millionaire Claim Share of Estate.

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—A legal battle over the \$100,000,000 estate left by William Weightman, the manufacturing chemist, to his daughter, Mrs. Mina A. Walker, is threatened by the widow of Weightman's son. The suit will be brought at once on behalf of six grandchildren of Weightman.

Their mother has remarried since the death of her first husband, and now bears the name of Mrs. Jones Weiser. She asserts that William Weightman pledged himself to remember the offspring of his

son in a codicil, that since the death of her first husband's father she has made effort to have Mrs. Walker carry out this promise, but received a flat refusal and denial that the will bears such a codicil.

When Weightman died he made his sole surviving child, Mrs. Walker, sole heir. She is considered the richest woman in the world.

Newfoundland Tries Retaliation. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 23.—The Newfoundland government today ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessel licenses to procure bait in colonial water, the government intending to introduce legislation at the session of the Legislature next week to enforce the bait act against Americans as stringently as it is now enforced against the French, because the Americans revoked the Bond-Hay treaty. The advocates of retaliation against America say they can make the trade as effective against Gloucester as they have already made it against St. Pierre.

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