

Taft Refuses to Remove Negroes

Troops Ordered Confined While Investigation Is Made at Fort.

SEATTLE IS DISAPPOINTED

War Department Insists That Removal of Soldiers on Unproved Charge Would Arouse Protests Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The President has flatly refused to accede to a demand from the citizens of Seattle, Wash., transmitted through Senator Jones, for the removal of the 25th Infantry (colored) because a soldier is accused of attacking a white woman.

The reason for the President's action is stated in the following statement issued by Secretary Dickinson: "Senator Jones, of Washington, presented to the President this morning a telegram from S. S. Steiner, chairman of a mass meeting held near Fort Lawton, stating that a member of the negro regiment there had committed an outrage and demanding the immediate transfer of the 25th Regiment.

"The President stated that the request could not be complied with; that if any members of the regiment violated the law, they should be apprehended and turned over to the local authorities for punishment. The United States troops were to be stationed in the United States and it was the business of the War Department to see that they made as little disturbance as possible, but to move them on unproved charges would be merely to impose them upon another community and might arouse a protest from such community.

"The Secretary of War sent word to the commanding officer at Fort Lawton, directing prompt and complete investigation, confining the officers and detention of witnesses if belonging to his command, and that in view of the state of feeling reported, his command should be confined strictly to the reservation pending complete investigation. An immediate report was ordered."

BLEDSER MAKES CONFESSION

Negro Soldier Pleads That He Be Spared Public Trial.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—Bledser, the negro soldier accused of attacking a white woman near Fort Lawton, broke down today and made a full confession to the police at noon today. He said he did not realize what he was doing when he entered Mrs. Redding's house. He drank some whisky at the post, then went to a brewery in Interbay and drank a gallon of beer, and after that was in a mood for any wickedness.

Bledser said that no other soldier should share the blame. He begged to be permitted to plead guilty and be sentenced, and be spared a public trial. Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. Miller, after hearing read the dispatch from Washington that the President refused to remove the negro soldiers, said that he could not disagree.

"No report has been made from Fort Lawton to Washington concerning the complaints against the soldiers, and none has been called for by Private Nathaniel Bledser, accused of attacking a woman, has been turned over to civil authorities for trial."

Mayor Hiram C. Phil expressed regret when he learned of President Taft's refusal to remove the negro soldiers. The Mayor at once ordered the city engineer to place men in the Fort Lawton district, and the City Council will be asked to authorize the addition of these policemen to the permanent force.

The Mayor also ordered the closing of the negro resorts near the Fort where negro soldiers have obtained liquor. The police today closed the most notorious one of these places, whose mistress had been threatened with violence by the white neighbors.

Further representations will be made to President Taft. Nine other offenses against women have occurred, and evidence is being collected by the citizens who are at the head of the agitation to have the troops moved.

This afternoon Howell, Secretary of State, who is Acting Governor in the absence of Governor May, is on his way to Seattle to meet the Interbay people to discuss what shall be done.

FORT LOGAN WANTS NEGROES

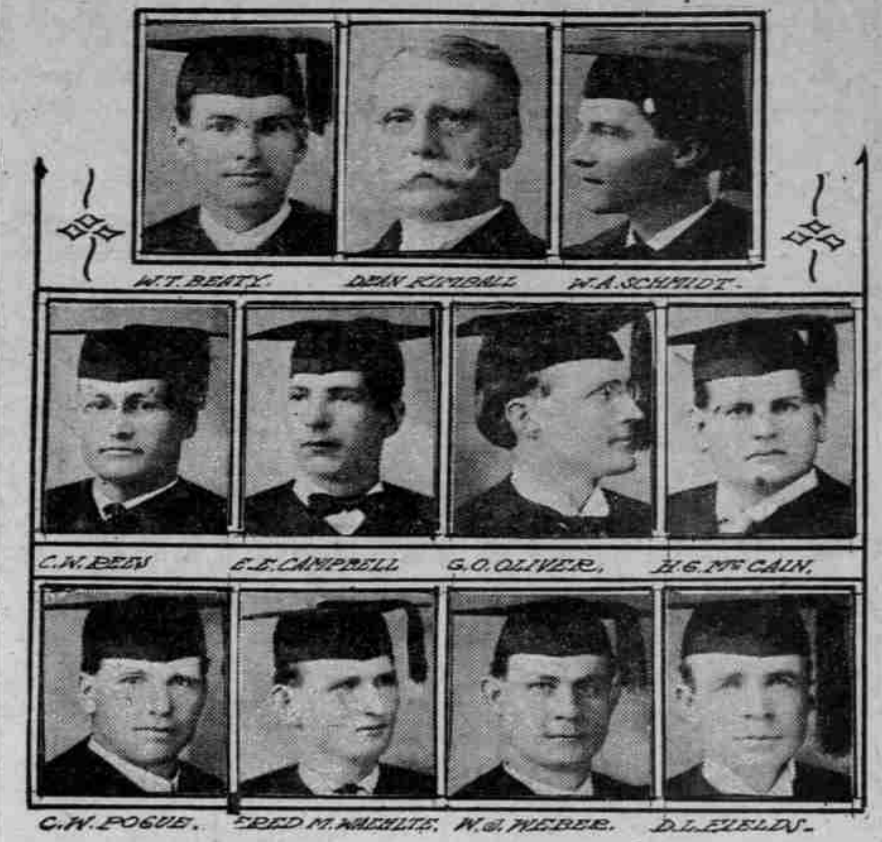
Petition to President Prepared, Asking for Lawton Troops.

NEGRO CANNOT BE EJECTED

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—A negro who bought a lot in one of Seattle's exclusive residence sections cannot be ejected is the decision of the State Supreme Court.

The court entered an assignment of a contract of sale issued for a lot to a white woman and when the negro began erecting his home a willful protest was made by the neighbors. The company sought to cancel the contract, alleging the assignment had been without his consent, but the Supreme Court says that the contention is without merit, as the original purchaser could have paid up on the contract and then have deeded the property to the negro.

KIMBALL COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ELEVEN STUDENTS.



WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., June 8.—(Special.)—The Kimball College of Theology, affiliated with Willamette University, held its first annual commencement exercises tonight in the First Methodist Church of this city, at which time the students received their diplomas. Four of the graduates were granted the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

The personnel of the class is as follows: W. T. Beatty, E. E. Campbell, D. L. Fieldie, H. G. McCain, G. O. Oliver, W. T. Rogers, C. E. Reed, H. G. Schmitt, Fred M. Waehite and W. J. Weber. E. Goudge, of the class of 1909, and the first graduate of the college, received his diploma with the class of 1910, not having been formally graduated heretofore.

The institution was founded in 1896, when Mrs. H. D. Kimball, wife of Dean Kimball, presented a beautiful \$20,000 building to Willamette University for the training of young men in the Christian ministry. Three courses of three years each are offered, the Hebrew-Greek, Greek-English and the English-Philosophical.

Following is the program of the remainder of the commencement exercises at the University: June 9—Commencement School of Oratory. June 10—Inter-society contest. June 12—Baccalaureate sermon by President, Fletcher Homan, D. D. 3 P. M. farewell meeting of Christian associations. 8 P. M., sermon to Christian associations by Rev. James Reed.

June 13—Graduating exercises of Oregon Institute and Normal School; address by the Rev. C. O. Kimball, D. D. June 14—10 A. M., meeting of board of trustees; 8 P. M., commencement recital by School of Music. June 15—2:30 P. M., alumni business meeting, chapel; 6 P. M., alumni banquet, M. E. Church. June 16—2 P. M., class day exercises of senior class; 6 P. M., commencement of College of Liberal Arts; address by Bishop C. W. Smith, D. D., LL. D.

GUS IS UNPOPULAR

Trials of Dogcatcher's Life in Vancouver Are Many.

TARGET FOR MANY BLOWS

Nelson Is Disarmed When Irate Owner of Dog Cuts Open His Throat.

YESTERDAY he was looking at Albert Madsen's dog to see if it wore a tag, and as the hair on the animal's neck was so long he had difficulty.

He enforces the law about compelling owners of dogs to put license tags on them and keeps the cows off of the street. But in doing so he does occasionally make a mistake.

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Savings in Crockery

- 4-inch Plates, worth \$1.50 dozen, at \$1.10
5-inch Plates, worth \$1.75 doz., at \$1.40
6-inch Plates, worth \$2.25 doz., at \$1.65
Tea Cups and Saucers, worth \$3.50 doz., at \$2.65
Oatmeal Dishes, worth \$2.25 doz., at \$1.60
8-inch Platters, worth 40c each, at 29c
9-inch Platters, worth 50c each, at 39c
10-inch Platters, worth 85c each, at 64c
12-inch Platters, worth \$1.50 each, at 95c
14-inch Platters, worth \$1.50 each, at \$1.10
7-inch Scallops, worth 50c each, at 39c
8-inch Bakers, worth 85c each, at 64c
7-inch Bakers, worth 50c each, at 39c
Covered Dishes, worth \$1.50 each, at \$1.35
Butter Dishes, worth \$1.25 each, at 90c
Sauce Boats, worth 60c each, at 45c
Pickle Dishes, worth 40c each, at 29c
Sugar Bowls, worth 80c each, at 60c
Cream Pitchers, worth 35c each, at 28c

June Rose Sale Bargains in Couch Covers, Portieres, and One-Pair, Two-Pair and Three-Pair Lots of Lace Curtains

Twombly or having offered to pay him if he would not appear in court to testify.

Owen McCusker, driver of the automobile that struck and killed Rafael Segó, a streetwalker in this city, July 16, 1908, testified that J. Leavitt, who was the owner of the car, told him to "turn the car loose," saying that he would pay the fine.

TESTIMONY IS COMPLETE

LEAVITT OFFERED BRIBE, SAYS WITNESS AT TRIAL.

Autoist, Who Is Charged With Killing Street-Sweeper, Denies He Tried to Silence Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—The taking of testimony was concluded today in the trial of Ralph J. Leavitt, of Los Angeles, accused of manslaughter in connection with the killing of a street-sweeper here two years ago, by an automobile in which Leavitt was riding.

W. H. Twombly, who saw the accident, was the last witness for the state. He testified that the automobile was going at a speed in excess of 40 miles an hour. He also swore that Leavitt had visited his home the night of the accident and offered to pay him if he would refrain from testifying at the coroner's inquest or at any subsequent trial.

Leavitt was the only witness put on by the defense. He denied having instructed McCusker, the chauffeur in charge of the car at the time of the accident, to "turn the car loose." He also denied having visited the home of

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