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Roosevelt Has Scheme to Secure Services of Trained Men.

TEACH FUTURE MINISTERS

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A school for Cabinet Ministers is the latest invention of President Roosevelt. It isn't, of course, a place where they go and sit with arms folded while a pedagogue lectures them on their duties, but is none the less a school. The first pupil entered is James Rudolph Garfield, who on March 4, will succeed Ethan Allen Hitchcock as secretary of the interior. Mr. Garfield is at present drawing salary as commissioner of corporations, but he is only nominally discharging the duties of that office. By order of Mr. Roosevelt, he is going to school, with Mr. Hitchcock as his preceptor. At least a part of almost every day he spends at the interior department, familiarizing himself with the work he is to take up. Special attention is being given to land fraud investigations and prosecutions, it being the declared purpose of Mr. Garfield that there shall be no diminution of vigor in the war on land grabbers.

Other matters of interior administration are being gone into deeply, and when Mr. Garfield enters the cabinet, he will have a good working knowledge of the department over which he is to preside. In the meantime, Herbert Knox, deputy commissioner of corporations, is qualifying to take Mr. Garfield's place. The actual administration of the bureau already is in his hands. Mr. Garfield exercising only a general oversight.

The plan is considered by public men in Washington as one of the most happy ever born in the fertile brain of President Roosevelt. As a rule, a man enters the cabinet with only the most superficial knowledge of the work that is before him, and the business of the government frequently suffers in consequence. A cabinet job is very much like a job of any other kind—the more a man learns about it the most valuable he becomes. The case of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is one in point. When he entered President McKinley's cabinet in 1897 he had no peculiar qualifications for

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a cabinet place, nor did the early part of his administration give any particular promise. But by many years at the same desk, Mr. Wilson has come to be regarded as an exceptionally valuable man.

WILL NOT CONFER.

Altman Says Japanese Question Will Not Be Compromised.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The departure for the East of United States District Attorney Robert T. Devlin, in response to a summons from Secretary Bonaparte gives rise to a report that the members of the local board of education are to explain their position on the Japanese question to the authorities in the belief that the meeting of all parties upon a common ground might lead to a compromise.

The position taken by the board does not seem to favor a proposition of this kind. According to President Altman, "There is nothing to compromise." "Debate will scarcely alter conditions or accomplish any change," said President Altman today, "and a conference at Washington could not modify the law under which the board is acting."

QUIET IN CUBA.

Disorders in Santa Clara Provinces Reported at an End.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—No further advice have been received here regarding the disorders in Santa Clara province. The American troops which were sent into the district this morning from Camp Columbia will scout through the province. Governor Magoon said yesterday he had no intention of using these troops to suppress the roving bands of negroes in Santa Clara, but that practice marches in the disturbed district would have a good moral effect and support through the guards, to whom he entrusted the actual work of scattering the marauders.

A freight train has been held up at Alto Cerro, on the Cuban Central Railroad, 125 miles east of Camaguey, supposedly by men in sympathy with the strikers in the railroad shops at Camaguey. Rural guardsmen have been dispatched to the scene.

FAMOUS ARTIST DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Walter Appleton Clark, the well known artist and illustrator, died early today at his home in this city. Mr. Clark was 21 years old. He was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1876. In his profession he won a high place and his latest work was the illustration of the modern version of "Canterbury Tales," by Percy MacKaye. He was connected with Scribner's Magazine and his cover designs attracted much favorable comment. In 1902 he married Miss Annie Hoyt of Greenwich, Conn., who survives him.

CARVE PRESIDENT'S BUST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The clay model of the bust of President Roosevelt to be executed in marble and set up in the Senate chamber at Washington, with the busts of others who have been vice-presidents of the United States, has been finished by James Earl Fraser, the sculptor, at his studio here. The cutting of the bust in marble will be finished this winter.

JANITORS RECEIVE RAISE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The board of education yesterday decided to raise the salaries of 500 employees of the department. The total increase will amount to about \$124,000 and janitors, cleaners, and deputy superintendents will be benefitted.

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**YAQUI ON WAR PATH**

Indians Wipe Out Small Station in North Part of Mexico.

ONLY MAN AND WIFE SURVIVE

White Couple Put Up Desperate Fight and Keep Antagonists at Bay Until Arrival of Relief Train—Other Places Attacked.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Colonel H. B. Maxson, vice president of the National Irrigation Congress and secretary of the board of education of Reno, Nev., who has been spending the last few weeks in the State of Sonora, Mexico, arrived in Los Angeles today, with a graphic story of the massacre of the Mexicans and whites which occurred at the little station of Lancha, on the Cananea, Yaqui River & Pacific Railroad, last Saturday afternoon.

According to the statement of Maxson, his train stopped an hour at Lancha. While there rumors were received that the Yaquis were on the war path, and that the few people in the neighborhood of the station and railroad were in danger. The station master, a man named Thompson, belittled the matter and he said he and his wife would remain at their posts. The train bearing Colonel Maxson and party had not left the station more than an hour when the Yaquis descended on the little party of Mexicans and Americans and butchered four. Station Agent Thompson and his wife escaped by boarding a work train that pulled in at the time. The train appeared after four of the people had been killed and Thompson and his wife had defended themselves back of the barricaded doors of the station. As the work train arrived the Yaquis withdrew.

The train bearing Colonel Maxson and party continued to a station about fifteen miles farther along the line and then, as the signs of the desperadoes uprising became more alarming they decided to return. The train started back toward Lancha and when it arrived the station house and been burned and demolished and four human bodies lay along the tracks.

The party stopped a few minutes in the hope that survivors might be found and taken to a place of safety. While the train was at the ruins of the station, the desperadoes appeared in the distance, but did not come within range of the few armed people on the train. The bodies of the victims were still warm when Maxson saw them and with the aid of others on the train they were given hasty burial.

For many miles along the road the scene was duplicated. Four more dead bodies of Mexicans and Americans were discovered along the tracks. The little band at this station had been able to repulse the attack of the Yaquis with the loss of but four of their number. The remaining members of the company refused to leave on the train, but said that they could stand off the Indians until the next day, when the rangers could reach the spot and summary justice would be meted out to the murderers if captured.

EL PASO, Later: Details of the Yaqui Indian outbreak at Lancha Station on the Cananea, Yaqui River & Pacific Railroad Saturday night, in which eight Mexicans were killed and the bodies burned, have been received here. No Americans were killed, although it is certain that but for the timely arrival of a work train with a large crew of laborers, Foreman Thompson of the well digging gang, and his wife, would have been killed. For several weeks past a restlessness has been observed among the Indians, but an out-break was hardly expected. No unusual preparations had been made for a Yaqui attack and most of those killed were shot down before a defense could be made. The band of Indian outlaws is said to number about 100. Reports received here state in addition to eight killed a number of Mexicans were wounded.

MORE MEMBERS ATTEND.

Unexpected Effect on Congress of the Railroad Rate Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Should Congress pass the bill introduced by John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee, docking Congressmen \$12.70 for each day they are absent from their duties, Speaker Cannon's problem of keeping a quorum would be solved. Con-

gress, of course, will not pass the Gaines bill, but it passed a law last winter which is going to increase attendance at the Senate and House sessions, though there was no such purpose in mind when the measure was enacted.

The railroad rate bill is the measure referred to. When it was provided in the bill that it should be unlawful for senators and representatives to accept railroad passes, Congress was not looking beyond the necessity of heeding a popular demand. But it will operate to keep members at their duties. It used to be the pleasant practice of statesmen to run "out home" every now and then to see how things were going on the farm or in the law office, to attend some banquet or placate some troublesome faction. The number of members absent on "important business" always ran into the scores. It didn't cost anything to travel, and there was enjoyment and profit in the trips. When it comes to paying out real money for transportation, there will not be nearly so much "important business" at home demanding the attention of law makers.

REVELAN, ALSO LANGEL.

Woman Disguised as Man Once Employed in Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Hiram O. Hance, a lawyer of 229 Broadway, is convinced that Nicolai De Reyelan, the Chicago woman who posed as a man, was employed in the office of the late Colonel T. C. Campbell in this city ten years ago. The young "man" secured employment as a stenographer under the name of Langel, and because of his general appearance and effeminacy there was a disposition to twit Langel but this disappeared when a woman came to the office, and was introduced as Langel's wife. Langel was very efficient and there was regret when illness forced "him" to leave and give up work.

Mr. Hance said he studied the recently published photographs of De Reyelan and was impressed with the almost complete identity with the features of Langel. Mr. Hance regards as conclusive that De Reyelan and Langel are one and the same, that De Reyelan had died of tuberculosis, a disease with which Langel was unmistakably affected.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Loss is Calculated at a Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Fire early today destroyed the building at 107 and 109 Lake Street, occupied by the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company, the Corbin Screw Company, the Robinson Furniture Company and George H. Bishop, manufacturer of hand saws.

The fire spread to the building at 111 and 113 Lake street occupied by the power house of Lusk, White & Coolidge, the Reading Hardware Company and the Universal Showcase Company, where the damage is estimated at \$25,000. The total loss is \$150,000. During the hour while the blaze was at its height there was a cessation of train movement on the elevated loop.

SPECIAL MERCHANTS RATES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Merchants Association of New York announce that merchant rates to this city will be in effect from Trunk Line Association territory on February 23 to 26 inclusive and March 6 to 19 inclusive, with the customary fifteen day return limit. The special rate will be as usual, a fare and one third for the round trip.

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