

COMMISSIONERS WILL ESCAPE INVESTIGATION CITY IS IN MOURNING

Mayor Williams Declines to Consider Charges That Civil Service Board Has Been Doing Politics.

Former Secretary's Accusations Are Formally Presented, But the Mayor Thinks "There Is Nothing in Them to Make a Fuss About."

Mayor Williams has decided to make no investigation of the public charges that the members of the civil-service commission have been using their office for political ends and have been violating the civil-service rules for the purpose of placing favorites of the Republican machine upon the municipal payroll.

The charges are made by B. L. Stowell, who was removed from the office of clerk of the commission on the ground that his services had been unsatisfactory. Mr. Stowell says that he was removed because he refused to connive at violations of the civil-service rules, and he refers to the records to substantiate his assertions.

The charges were first made public in the Journal of Saturday, June 11, and the article included a detailed statement by Mr. Stowell. When the Mayor was asked what action he intended to take, he replied that he could take no notice of newspaper reports and would do nothing unless formal charges were presented to him. Mr. Stowell thereupon addressed a letter to Mayor Williams, in which he inclosed The Journal's published interview with himself, wounding for it as a correct statement of the facts and offered to verify his charges under oath.

Mr. Stowell's letter follows: "Portland, Or., June 14.—Hon. George H. Williams, City Hall.—Dear Sir: Referring to our conversation a few days ago on civil-service matters, I inclose a newspaper clipping which correctly outlines the facts as they are. You will remember that I allowed you papers corroborating some of my statements.

"I have no desire to take the role of prosecutor in this matter, but will leave it to you as to what, if anything, should be done. It is needless to say that I am willing at any time to make oath to the facts of which I have informed you. Very truly yours, B. L. STOWELL."

The charges made against the civil service commissioners by Mr. Stowell are, briefly:

- 1.—That Charles R. Freeman, an applicant for a position in the fire department, was placed on the list of those eligible for appointment, after being twice rejected by the examining physicians on account of heart trouble, which made it impossible for him to climb the high ladder, one of the physical tests prescribed by the rules. Freeman was placed on the list by Commissioner Willie and without official action by the board.
- 2.—That John Moylan, applicant for the police force, failed to pass the written examination satisfactorily, his marking falling below 75, which is the minimum, and that after learning his identity the commissioners changed his markings so as to bring him up to the required standard. Mr. Stowell called attention to the papers in this case, on file at the city hall, which show the erroneous and changes in the markings.
- 3.—That Commissioner Courtney endeavored to obtain a private examination for Harry B. Adams, a candidate for the police force, although the charter expressly requires competitive examination of all applicants, the commissioner suggesting that the same questions be asked Adams that had been asked in the general examination held three or four days before. It is further stated by Mr. Stowell that Commissioner Courtney, with a view to ascertaining whether Adams had met the requirements as to weight, told the secretary to look up the papers of "an applicant measuring 5 feet 9 1/2 inches in height," and to see whether he was within the limit as to weight. As the papers do not bear the name of the applicant, Commissioner Courtney was seeking to identify the report upon Adams by means of his height. When

Victims of the Steamer Disaster Buried by the Hundreds.

833 IN INDICATED LIST

Of 562 Bodies Recovered, 522 Have Been Identified—More Than Half Are Children—Many More to Come.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, June 18.—Almost an entire crane draped district, the east side was today given over to the first funerals of the victims of the Bloom disaster. Through avenues where scarcely a residence was without mourning insignia, thronged thousands of persons, including relatives and friends of the dead, sympathetic strangers or the curious, but all respectful in attitude and subdued.

A solemnity born of an unrealizable catastrophe seemed to have settled over the stricken portion and a pall-like silence wrapped itself over the streets and around the desolated homes.

Whenever a funeral cortege passed, the crowds of men and boys who lined the curbs removed their caps or hats, while women and girls bowed with bowed heads. Many women and many men wept unrestrainedly at the sight of the white linens, which sometimes bore two or three little caskets. No evidence was lacking that death, in his dread harvest by flame and wave, had garnered an unprecedented harvest of childhood life.

Arrangements had been made for more than a hundred funerals and as early as 7 o'clock the masses surrounded with the slowly moving wheels of this pitiful parade of the mourning and the dead. By 10 o'clock a constant stream of hearses and carriages flowed silently out toward the cemeteries, bearing away those whose childish sports and laughter will no more gladden the streets of the great German district.

No pretense of creed and no special attention to form was paid, for not all the spiritual advisers of that immediate portion of the city could supply consolation to the bereaved or pay the last tributes to the dead.

Services were held in churches of all denominations and scores of ministers attended to the pastoral work. In some of the churches the services were jointly held over as many bodies as could be placed before the altar.

The Brooklyn Lutheran cemetery received the bulk of the dead and was the scene of scores of simultaneous interments.

The entire city displays mourning emblems.

562 Bodies Recovered.
The coroner, police and other authorities who have been receiving and checking the bodies at the scene of the disaster and at the morgue have carefully revised their lists of the dead and missing so that a comparatively correct estimate can be given today, and many duplications cut.

The total indicated death list is 833 persons.

Of the 562 bodies recovered 286 are children, 263 are women and 23 are men, and 622 have been identified.

A large number of those missing are believed to be wedged in under the hull and stem of the wrecked steamer. A dispute is in progress as to the removal of the steamer, the company claiming that it is the duty of the marine underwriters.

The coroner's inquest begins Monday.

Of all the pitiful incidents connected with the disaster that reported by James Sororan, a member of the Bloom crew, is probably the most horrifying. At the height of the tragedy he said he saw a woman give birth to a child and then jump overboard with her new born babe. He said he saw both die.

Of money, jewelry and other valuables torn from the bodies of the victims, it is estimated that \$150,000 worth was recovered, much of which has already been claimed by relatives of the dead.

One of the bodies recovered this morning was wrapped in a large silk American flag. Diver Gilligan recovered seven bodies from a deep hole in the river off North Brothers Island. He believes that from 30 to 50 bodies are still in this hole.

The mayor has ordered the wreck raised immediately.



POPE UNDERTAKES WONDERFUL CENSUS

Cardinal Satolli Will Arrange, It Is Said, the Preparation of a Roster of Every Catholic Parish.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., June 18.—Cardinal Satolli visited the American Catholic university here and will go tomorrow to Spring Lake, N. J., where he will perform next Tuesday the marriage service for Miss Maloney, daughter of a marquis of the church. The cardinal inspected the buildings here, heard some of the classes and expressed his gratification at the magnitude and growth of the work of the university.

Previous to the arrival of Cardinal Satolli it was cabled that one of his missions in this country would be the appointing in every diocese of inspectors who are to investigate conditions, make their inquiries independently of the bishops and report directly to Rome.

The cardinal, who insists that he has come only with social purposes, declines to speak of this reported aspect of his visit.

The Rev. Father De Costa, who was ordained a priest of the church of Rome last fall, and who is now dying in St. Vincent's hospital, New York, says that His Holiness is to conduct the most marvellous and extensive census of the church ever attempted. Father De Costa arrived from Rome a few days ago.

Through his cardinals, who have the power to commission their deputies and assistants, a complete census of every parish, mission and community is to be taken throughout the world," said Father De Costa.

"The record, when completed, will include the spiritual, temporal, numerical, physical and social conditions prevailing in every diocese including every communicant from the highest in rank to the humblest.

"Even the names, ages, and property of every member of church and mission will be included.

"When the pope proposed this mighty collection of statistics his cardinals exclaimed, 'Impossible!' but Pope Pius X. was undeviating from his purpose.

"His Holiness has instructed his deputies not to accept, while employed in collecting the data, any hospitality from the dignitaries of the church, but to go ahead with their gigantic task, carrying it through in business-like fashion to the end.

"The data will be placed in the archives of the Vatican. It is several hundred years since a census of the church was taken on anything approaching this scale."

The Rev. Father De Costa was for many years the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist in New York, but when Dr. Briggs was admitted to the Episcopal Communion Father De Costa withdrew and embraced the tenets of the Catholic church.



IN THE UPPER PICTURE ARE CARDINAL SATOLLI AND HIS AMERICAN SECRETARY. THE LOWER SHOWS MONSIGNORE LAVELLE IN CONVERSATION.

WOULD DEFEAT MR. WITTENBERG

It has been generally assumed that Herman Wittenberg will be re-elected to the school board in the school election next Monday, without the slightest opposition, and so far as the general public is aware there has not been even a suggestion of a rival candidate. It is reported, however, that a scheme is on foot to spring a dark horse candidate at the eleventh hour, and to effect an organization which, with the light vote usually polled in school elections, shall be sufficient to elect him.

This covert attempt to defeat Mr. Wittenberg is said to spring from differences that have existed in the school board between him and Richard Williams, one of his fellow directors. Indeed, Williams is credited with being one of the authors of the plan.

Some time ago Mr. Wittenberg decided that he would not serve another term on the school board, and so informed several of his friends. He was so strongly urged, however, to reconsider his decision that he finally consented to become a candidate for re-election. Richard Williams made overtures to the Republican machine in the hope of securing its sanction and aid in the plan to defeat Wittenberg, but the leaders refused to entertain the suggestion.

Whether Williams and his friends are active part in the effort to bring about his defeat, or whether they are still intending to spring another candidate on the day of election, is not known. They have held several informal meetings and have discussed prominent citizens as possible candidates against Wittenberg. Dr. Dave Rafferty, Judge Bollinger, E. H. Newhall and A. W. Lambert are among those that have been mentioned.

Richard Williams makes no secret of his opposition to the re-election of Wittenberg, but denies that he has had any active part in the effort to bring about his defeat.

"I have heard some talk about bringing out an opposition candidate," he said this afternoon, "but I have not had anything to do with such a movement."

ONE DIES IN WRECK OF TROLLEY CARS

SAFETY OF PASSENGERS IN DOUBT

(Journal Special Service.)
Salt Lake, June 18.—By the breaking of the drawhead of a construction car which was loaded with gravel on the East Side heights, five electric cars were wrecked in a spectacular manner this morning. Mrs. Chapman of this city was fatally injured and several persons were slightly hurt by jumping from the flying car. The car went through the business section of the city at an estimated speed of 60 miles an hour, and across four railroad tracks. The motorman ahead called on the passengers to jump, reversed the current, and all the cars were piled up in a heap at the terminus at the Rio Grande depot.

The fact that the streets traversed by the cars are so broad that teams had no difficulty in avoiding the S. N. A. cars in their terrific rush, and that the heart of the business section is not crossed, doubtless accounts for the fact that no more fatalities occurred.

At the tracks of the car line, after descending from the steep of the East Side heights, are on a constant and decided down grade, the cars were running at an estimated speed of 60 miles an hour when the final crash came. The motorman was among those slightly injured, but he stuck to his post until the last passenger had jumped from the car.

IDAHO STAGE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING BOLT

(Journal Special Service.)
Whitebird, Idaho, June 18.—The stage running here on its inward trip was struck by a bolt of lightning, in one of the most violent storms known in this vicinity, and passengers arriving today fell or narrow escapes.

The horses pulling the stage received the full effect and were killed, dropping in their harness though shot. Five passengers were riding inside the stage, and they with the driver were all shocked. Two of the passengers were severely prostrated, but no one fatally injured. The stage completed its journey with borrowed horses.

SQUADRON OVERHAULS STEAMER IAKO MARU

The Vladivostok Squadron Strikes Terror Into Merchantmen.

MAY CREATE DIVERSION

(Journal Special Service.)
London, June 18.—All advices show that the Russians, notwithstanding their recent reverses, are still as determined as ever to create such a diversion that the fall of Port Arthur will be either delayed for a considerable time, or that the fortress will be succeeded.

From Tokio today comes a dispatch saying that the Vladivostok squadron has completely terrorized the Japanese merchantmen, and that many of the freight carriers will be slow in putting to sea until the menace is removed.

General land movements are also reported by Reuters's agency, although all are small.

From St. Petersburg comes a dispatch which, though evidently censored, shows that the Baltic fleet is rushing its preparations to put to sea. Fresh drafts of reserves are being sent forward over the Trans-Siberian railway and supplies for a long campaign are being forwarded with the greatest speed.

It is therefore believed that Russian plans such a general appearance of the Japanese that the mikado's forces shall be divided and eventually so weakened at Port Arthur that the latter garrison can be reinforced by both land and sea.

Charles Merrivether, the war correspondent returned here today from St. Petersburg and will go to Tokio. He believes that the campaign for a time promises to be a naval one and that not much activity may be expected for some weeks.

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(Journal Special Service.)
Tokyo, June 18.—It is now certain that the Vladivostok squadron did not return to that port, and that it has not been overtaken by any of the Japanese warships, which have been in search of it since Wednesday. That its commander realizes that nothing but extreme caution can prevent his falling into the Japanese net, is shown by his actions during the past 24 hours.

Last night a Japanese steamer was attacked by the Russian squadron, but escaped, taking refuge in the harbor of Fokuyama.

Another steamer, the Iako Maru, was overhauled by the Russians, but the latter were evidently afraid that the chase had drawn them into the vicinity of the Japanese warships, and after a short consultation released their prize. For a time it seemed that the passengers and crew would be taken aboard one of the warships and the steamer torpedoed. This, however, apparently conflicted with the Russian plans.

It is believed from this that the squadron's maneuvers form part of a general plan to compel the Port Arthur squadron to divide itself, thus causing a delay to the attack on the fortifications.

It was reported from Fokuyama that the three Russian warships were this morning seen in the offing steaming under half-speed to the north. Much apprehension is now felt among the Japanese merchantmen.

The second issue of exchequer bonds has received a liberal subscription as did the previous one. More than \$10,000,000 has already been subscribed and offers are still coming. All classes come forward with contributions, although the money market is in a serious condition.

This latter comes as a reaction from Osaka, where there has been an important bank failure, attended by a panic.

WOULDN'T BUSHIANS ARRIVE

(Journal Special Service.)
Mukden, June 18.—The wounded men in large numbers are arriving from the Vafangow battlefield. Twenty-nine officers and 734 men have thus far been reported here and all bear injuries.

They say the retreat was being effected with perfect order when they left the front.

BUSHIAN LOSS 2,000

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, June 18.—A Liao Yang dispatch places the Russian total loss in killed and wounded in the battle of Vafangow at 2,000 men.

TWO TORPEDO BOATS COLLIDE, ONE SINKS

(Journal Special Service.)
London, June 18.—The Central News Paris correspondent reports that during the British naval maneuvers off Ajaccio, Corsica, today two torpedo-boats collided and one sank.

Full particulars are not obtainable, but it is not thought that any loss of life occurred.

EMPEROR WILLIAM CUP RACE STARTS

(Journal Special Service.)
Dover, June 18.—Fourteen yachts started this afternoon in the race in the inland of Heligol for the Emperor William cup. The American yacht, Ingomar, Mortom Plant, owner, started.

PORTLAND GETS BIG CONVENTION

The National Association of Charities and Corrections, meeting in Portland, Me., voted to hold next year's convention in this city. The telegram tolling of the news follows:

Portland, Me., June 18, 1904.—Mr. Tom Richardson, manager Commercial club, Portland, Or., Portland was against great opposition the national convention of the Charities association for next year. (Signed)

"DR. BYRON R. MILLER."
The delegates who secured the next convention for Portland were Dr. Byron R. Miller, Mrs. D. H. Truesdell and W. T. Gardner, superintendent of the Boys and Girls Aid society.

SUBMOINE DESTROYS TOWNS

(Harvest Special Service.)
Brussels, June 18.—A hurricane today destroyed the greater part of the town of Virtou. Many are reported dead.

RAISON TO BE PAID TODAY

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, June 18.—Consul General Cummers at Tangier cables the state department that it has been arranged that the cash ransom for the release of Perdicaris and Varley will be paid today but intimated some doubt as to the bandit's good faith.