NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

GRAFT IS DENIED.

Secretary Garfield Says Idaho Reclamation Service is Clean.

Washington, April 16. — Secretary Garfield today exploded the charges of graft in the reclamation service in Idaho by officially notifying Director Newell that the accusations against Engineer D. W. Ross and his assistant secretary had been found to be without foundation and had been dismissed, following this announcement by promoting Mr. Ross from $3,600 to $4,000, and Mr. Horn from $3,300 to $3,600.

The report against Ross and Horn was made by Special Inspector A. R. Green, who spent some time in Idaho making investigations and who gleaned his information from government contractors. Green based his charges on statements made by the contractors on the Boise-Payette project. His conclusions were utterly disapproved by Secretary Garfield.

WILL CONFER ON GUNBOAT.

Zelaya and Figueroa to Meet—Joint Guarantee of Peace.

Washington, April 18.—Naval movements today show that the gunboat Boston has started from Amapala, Honduras, for Corino, Nicaragua, to convey President Zelaya to Amapala for the conference he will have there with President Figueroa. The Chicago will be used to convey President Figueroa to the conference, which will be held either at Amapala or on board one of the American vessels to be anchored n Fonseca bay.

At the State department today it was admitted that an agreement between the United States and Mexico had been entered into, by which a guaranty has been given that there shall be no hostile demonstrations between the forces of Guatemala and Salvador upon the frontier during the conference.

Foreign Crop Good.

Washington, April 17.—The European crop report of the Agricultural department, covering conditions abroad up to April 1, says that the heavy snow which fell last winter over the greater part of Europe, has, excepting in parts of Russia and the Balkan states, almost everywhere disappeared. That the protection afforded to winter cereals has been generally efficacious is being demonstrated by the vigor with which the plants in most countries seem to be responding to the quickening influences of spring.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, April 18.—Postmasters appointed:

Oregon—Antone, George C. Glover, vice E. L. Knox, resigned; Kingsley, Theodore Bushkul, vice W. L. Smith, resigned; Lamont, Millard T. Cowan, vice J. C. Rush, resigned.

Washington—Cascade, Thomas Moffett, vice Minnie Stevenson, resigned.

Rural free delivery route No. 1 has been ordered established June 17 at New Kamilchie, Mason county, Wash., serving 410 people and 86 families.

Changes in Forest Service.

Washington., April 18.—Forest inspector F. E. Ames has been placed temporarily in charge of the Tillamook and Umpqua forest reserves in Oregon. Acting Supervisor Anderson, of Grant's Pass, takes charge of the Ashland reserve. D. B. Shellar, formerly in charge of the Heppner reserve, has been transferred to the Yakima reserve, in Washington, being succeeded by T. R. Chidsey. William Cryder is promoted from manager to acting supervisor in charge of the Colville reserve, in Washington.

Bonilla Becomes Exile.

Washington, April 17.—The Navy department is informed that the gunboat Princeton left Amapala on Saturday with President Bonilla, of Honduras, on board. It was stated that President Bonilla would be landed at Salina Cruz, Mexico. His departure is in compliance with an agreement entered into between President Zelaya, of Nicaragua and President Figueroa, of Salvador, that the Hondurian president leave the country.

500,000 in Six Months.

Washington, April 17.—According to a statement issued today by the bureau of immigration, the total immigration to the United States from all countries for the six months ending March last aggregated 539,137 persons, which is an increase of 75,821 over a like period in 1906. The total number of immigrants from Russia for the six months ending March last was 103,364, being an increase of 21,631 over the corresponding period of 1906.

Exult Over Exoneration.

Washington, April 18.—The reclamation service, from Director Newell down to the lesser officers, held a jubilation today at the official exoneration of Engineer Ross of Idaho by Secretary Garfield. They claim the exoneration will invest the service with renewed confidence in the minds of the people, re-establishing it everywhere where charges by Special Agent Greene has called it in question.

Wants Clerks to Weigh Mails.

Washington, April 17.—The Civil Service commission has been called upon by the Postoffice department to furnish a list of clerks for temporary work, beginning July 1, who will be employed in making arithmetical computations in connection with the weighing of the mails.

TEXAS VALUATION OF ROADS

Cowan Tells President How Capital Is Limited.

Washington, April 20.—Some interesting information on the operation of the Texas stock and bond law of 1903, under which a valuation of railroad properties of the state was made in 1895, was given to the president today by Judge S. H. Cowan, of Texas, a special employe of the Interstate Commerce commission and attorney for the Southwestern Cattlegrowers' association.

Mr. Cowan told the president that the Texas law had proven a success. It had not been put upon the statute books for the purpose of becoming the basis for rate-making, he said, but to fix a line beyond which the roads could not go in issuing stocks and bonds. He added that the valuation put upon the roads by the Texas commission having charge of the matter exceeded the cost of construction by 15 to 20 per cent, and the cost of the ascertainment of the facts had been comparatively small. So far as he was aware, Judge Cowan said, none of the railroads had contested a valuation made under the law.

BORAH GOES TO ROOSEVELT

Idaho Senator Asks to Have Action On His Case Postponed.

Washington, April 17.—President Roosevelt has been appealed to by Senator Borah, of Idaho, to review his indictment by the Federal grand jury with a view to postponing action until after the trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the men accused of murdering Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho.

Senator Borah is the special counsel engaged by the state to prosecute these officials of the Western Federation of Miners. The appeal of Senator Borah places the president in a rather embarrassing position.

In the event the president withholds the action against Senator Borah, it will be charged that he is showing favors to those who are prosecuting the miners, and if he does not, Senator Borah will be seriously embarrassed in the prosecution of the miners charged with the murder of Steunenberg.

Civil Service in the South.

Washington, April 16.—Civil Service Commissioner McIlheny, who is a Southerner and a Democrat, is entering on what he terms a campaign of education in the South in regard to the function and character of the commission. He found that one of the greatest difficulties in securing efficient service for the government in the South was the fact that the whites have conceived the idea that the service is meant especially for the negroes, and as a consequence when an examination for positions is held it is generally attended largely by negroes, the proportion often being ten to one.

Heyburn Slowly Gains.

Washington, April 19. — Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, who has been very ill in Philadelphia, was brought to this city today. He is improving slowly, though still very weak, and there is much ground to be gained before his condition will permit him to attend to any official business. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Heyburn, W. B. Sams, his privae secretary, and a trained nurse. Today was the first time Mr. Heyburn was able to be moved since the inception of his attack of acute indigestion.

Will Relieve Congestion.

Washington, April 18.—After a conference with and upon the recommendation of Senator Bourne, Land Commissioner Ballinger has ordered Special Inspector O'Brien, of Denver, to proceed to Roseburg and assist the local land officers in clearing up the accumulation of business in their office. Work has fallen behind to such an extent that there are now pending about 700 land cases and contests awaiting action. When the Roseburg office is straightened out, similar work is to be done elsewhere in Oregon.

Cheap Paper for Official Records.

Washington, April 18.—That the papers supplied for government use too frequently fall below the specifications, lack durability or in some way are not adapted to the purpose for which they are intended, is the statement made by Chief Wiley, of the chemistry bureau in a circular issued by the Agricultural department. Valuable documents and scientific work are recorded on papers which deteriorate, thus rendering the records useless.

Would Be "Cadet" or "Middy"

Washington, April 16.—The State department has received an inquiry from Hamilton King, American minister to Siam, asking whether it would be possible to admit to the Naval or Military academy a nephew of the king of Siam.

McLaren Pension Examiner.

Washington, April 19.—On the recommendation of Congressman Ellis, Dr. A. P. McLaren has been appointed by the pension bureau as examining surgeon at St. Helens, Or., vice Dr. J. E. Hall, who recently resigned.

Cuba Accepts Taft's Program.

Washington, April 16.—The War department today received a dispatch from Governor Magoon, of Cuba, saying that the plans for the elections in the island, which were made by Secretary Taft, are satisfactory to everybody.

DEEP SNOW ON PRAIRIES.

Six Inches Ruins Fruit Prospect, But Benefits Wheat.

Omaha, April 19.—Five inches of snow fell during the night, and the storm continued during the forenoon. The fall was general over Eastern Nebraska, and is the heaviest known in April for many years. The extent of damage is not known. Opinion as to the storm's effect upon fruit and early vegetables varies. In some counties along the southern and central belts cherries, peaches, plums, and berries are said by some authorities to have been ruined almost entirely, while other growers report that fruit was not far enough advanced to become seriously endangered.

In grain circles it is believed the snow will kill all the green bugs that have been threatening the winter wheat crop and spreading over the central portion of the state.

A Norfolk dispatch says Northern Nebraska, Southern South Dakota, Northeastern Wyoming and the Black Hills are covered with a blanket of snow six inches deep upon the level, which is still falling. At Northwestern railroad headquarters here it was said the storm was practically over the entire system west of the Missouri river.

DEATH LIST GROWING.

Mexican Earthquake Proves to Have Been Most Disastrous.

City of Mexico, April 19.—Today the Associated Press was in direct communication with a number of towns in the district affected by Sunday's earthquake. From the telegrams received it is certain that the death list will exceed 100. There are a number of small towns yet to be heard from, but up to date the average number of fatalities at these places has ranged from 9 to 12 and the number of injured from 30 to 40.

In Chilapa 33 persons were injured and 779 buildings destroyed. Nobody was killed, as reported yesterday.

After the first great shock the air was filled for many miles with a thick, sickening, sulphurous odor. This caused great distress to the survivors. There are many speculations as to the cause of the peculiar freak of nature and some consider it a proof that the earthquake had its origin in some subterranean explosion.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

San Francisco Remembers Earthquake Year Ago.

San Francisco, April 19.— While there was no general cessation of the work of rehabilitation, the first anniversary of the earthquake and the fire which left this city a mass of ruins was observed yesterday by appropriate religious services and commemorative exercises by the Building Trades Council and other organizations.

The crowning event of the day was the banquet of the Merchants' association at the Hotel Fairmont, at which the material and civic regeneration of the city was amply discussed and faith expressed in a new and greater San Francisco. The principal business streets were decorated with bunting and incandescent lights. Flags were flying everywhere and the dome of the city hall, still in a partly wrecked condition, was illuminated as on gala occasions "before the fire."

WILL GO FOR SIX-BITTERS

Frisco Policy Holders Bring 1,800 Suits for Payment.

San Francisco, April 19.—More than 100 suits against insurance companies for the payment of policies held during the great fire a year ago were filed today at the county clerk's office, bringing the total well over 1,800. At 5 o'clock, when the office closed, there was a long line of attorneys, clerks and messengers waiting, and it took three clerks nearly an hour to dispose of the overflow.

Today was practically the last day for the filing of such suits, although in some cases the year allowed will not expire until tomorrow. During the past two days the county clerk's office has taken in nearly $3,000 in fees on these cases alone.

After Men With Guns.

New York, April 19.—While squads of detectives are scouring the foreign quarters, working under the direct orders of Police Commissioner Bingham, arresting all the armed men they find, the judicial officers are showing evidence of their intention to co-operate with the police in breaking up the practice of carrying deadly weapons. District Attorney Jerome has prepared 50 cases against men charged with carrying concealed weapons, and will present them to the grand jury tomorrow. In all, 215 men have been locked up.

Proposition is Withdrawn.

Paris, April 19.—The announcement of the withdrawal of Italy's compromise proposition on the discussion of limitation of armaments at The Hague peace conference, owing to Austria and Germany's decided attitude in opposition to it, was made public today. It does not greatly affect France's position relative to the limitation of armaments. Authorative circles declare that France, as a matter of principle, regards favorably all efforts to advance the idea.

Volcano Erupts in Andes.

Valparaiso, Chile, April 19.—News has reached here that the Reinlue volcano, in the province of Valdivia, is in violent eruption. The eruptions are accompanied by awful subterranean rumblings, earthquakes, intense darkness, electrical displays, ashes and boiling water. The flowing lava has set fire to the surrounding forests, and the inhabitants are fleeing in terror.

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