

Minister to Germany.

William Walter Phelps Secures That Appointment.

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But Will Not Start for the Fatherland for Some Time Yet—Secretary Tracy Sued—Other Dispatches from the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The president has appointed William Walter Phelps minister to Germany. When the appointment was announced at the White House, the newly made diplomatist was in Walker Blaine's office at the state department. News of the appointment spread rapidly about the building, and many department officers and others, who knew Mr. Phelps, hastened to tender their congratulations. Walker Blaine seemed happier over the appointment than even Mr. Blaine himself, and his face fairly beamed when he gave the latter's commission to its owner.

Mr. Phelps will qualify at once, but it is probable that he will remain in this country for some time arranging his affairs preparatory to leaving for Berlin. The president also appointed the following named postmasters: David C. Greiner, at Terre Haute, Ind., vice John F. Reagan, removed; Philip Wilhelm, at Seymour, Ind., vice Alexander A. Davison, removed; Allen Tindolph, at Vincennes, Ind., vice James E. Kackley, removed.

Secretary Tracy Sued. WASHINGTON, June 27.—George B. Ormsby, an ensign in the navy, has brought suit in the supreme court of the district against Secretary Tracy for \$100,000 damages for trespass, incident to his recent imprisonment at Mare Island, Cal., his trial by courtmartial, and his dismissal from the service. Ormsby alleges that there were not sufficient grounds for his arrest, no authority for his long imprisonment; that he was not furnished with copies of the charges and specifications against him, and that in various ways the defendant violated the revised statutes in conducting his case. Ormsby alleges that the orders said to have been disobeyed by him were illegal and oppressive to the last degree. The papers in the suit were served on Secretary Tracy yesterday afternoon. The secretary turned the bill over to the judge advocate general for review.

Counterfeiters Arrested. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Chief Bell, of the secret service, has been informed that James H. Cables has been arrested at Lockport, N. Y., for passing a counterfeit \$10 note. When arrested there was found on his person counterfeit coin and paper money. He was held in default of bail. Cables was formerly connected with "Dye's Counterfeit Detector" publication. Chief Bell also received a telegram from Agent Harris, of San Francisco, Cal., saying that he arrested in that city William Stein, for dealing in counterfeit coin and captured \$270 in counterfeit \$5, gold coin and \$30 in counterfeit fifty cents silver pieces.

Commander of the Baltimore. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Commodore W. S. Schley, at his own request has been relieved from duty as chief of the naval bureau of equipment and recruiting, to take effect July 31 next. Commodore Schley was assigned to his present duty on Sept. 6, 1884, and re-assigned a year later. Secretary Tracy has ordered him to command the new cruiser "Baltimore," one of the finest vessels in the navy.

Commissioner Tanner in the West. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Pension Commissioner Tanner left Washington last night for the west, to be absent ten days. While away he will deliver addresses at Ottawa, Kan.; Crete, Neb., and at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; Lincoln, Neb., and Beatrice, Neb., between June 28 and July 4.

NO FIGHT IN LOUISIANA. Governor Nichols Issues a Proclamation Preventing Prize Fighting.

NEW ORLEANS, June 27.—Governor Nichols has issued the following proclamation: WHEREAS, Information deemed reliable has been received by me to the effect that one or more prize fights have been arranged to take place shortly in some of the parishes in this state. Now, therefore, I, Francis T. Nichols, governor of the state of Louisiana, have thought proper to issue this, my proclamation, with a view of calling the attention of the constituted authorities of the several parishes of this state to the said fact to the end that being duly advised, they strictly perform their duty in the premises, and by vigilance and the use of their legal authority and the instrumentalities which the law has placed in their hands, they do make it certain that no such disgraceful exhibition shall take place in Louisiana; and to the further end, that if such exhibition be attempted, that all persons concerned therein may be held to a strict legal responsibility and punishment.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Shortly after noon yesterday President William Henry Woods, of the Alabama Mining company, died suddenly at his office, No. 7 Nassau street. The coroner was notified.

Neck Broken and Yet He Lives. MERIDEN, Conn., June 27.—Owin Minnan had his neck broken by a fall on Sunday. He is still alive, his neck having been inclosed in a plaster cast.

JOHNSTOWN INQUEST.

What Was Elicited Before the Coroner's Jury.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 27.—The coroner's inquest with reference to the victims of the flood was resumed yesterday. The particular quest is upon the body of Mrs. Ellen Hite, drowned. Mechanical Engineer John Coffin and Col. Roberts testified that the South Fork dam, constructed throughout like the part left standing with waste weirs kept perfectly clear with discharge gates, and under the constant surveillance of a competent engineer, was safe as long as employed to furnish water to a great public highway; but as reconstructed would not consider it a safe structure. Even if perfectly constructed throughout would not consider an earthen dam safe when thousands of lives depended on its security, and when the only reason for its existence was the pleasure of a few men.

John Fulton, general agent of the Cambria Iron works, made no statement beyond that published several days ago. Col. T. P. Roberts, of Pittsburg, submitted a sketch of the broken dam, giving the dimensions and descriptions of the material used in the construction as disclosed by the break. He also stated that there was evidence of an overflow, and did not believe that there was even an earthen dam constructed that would withstand overflow. Did not believe that had the five discharge pipes been in place they would have added security to the dam, taking into consideration its construction, it would have gone out with an overflow. Thought that water leaking into the old culvert caused the dam to fall in, and that the breaking of the dam added tremendously to the strength of the flood; had it broken in when the streams were low very little damage would have been done; the Conemaugh was in an unprecedented flood. The time of the water from the dam to Johnstown was an hour. Thought that the viaduct had acted as a dam and caused the water to rise one hundred feet, causing a greater volume of water at Johnstown. The distance from the dam to Johnstown, taking the meanderings of the stream, is twelve and one-half miles. The capacity of the dam was about 466,000,000 cubic feet.

John G. Park, Jr., civil engineer, of Pittsburg, was at the lake when the dam broke. At 11:30 a. m. six or eight inches of water was running over the dam for a width of seventy-five feet. He was afraid it would go, and rode to South Fork and warned the people there, and by telegraph at Johnstown of their danger. This warning continued until nearly 3 o'clock, when it had cut a hole ten feet wide and within three feet of the inner face of the dam. Then the dam caved in, the water rushed through and cut both sides of the dam until in forty-five minutes the lake was drained. There were no obstacles in the waste-weir, which was one hundred feet wide. The dam was competent to stand the pressure of the volume of water, but the overflow washed it out. The volume of water was extraordinary.

Channel Opened at Johnstown. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 27.—The river channel above the railroad bridge was, for the first time, opened this morning. Acting Surgeon Foster, of the Fourteenth regiment and laboring camps, reported this morning that within the last twenty-four hours forty-nine laborers were taken seriously sick with symptoms of typhoid fever.

Base Ball. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. At St. Louis—St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 6. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 10, Columbus 3. At Kansas City—Kansas City 12, Louisville 2. At Philadelphia—No game; wet grounds. NATIONAL LEAGUE. At Cleveland—Cleveland 3, Philadelphia 7. At Pittsburg—Pittsburg 1, Washington 6. At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 10, Boston 6. At Chicago—Chicago 7, New York 12.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE. Quotations for the Money, Stock, Produce and Cattle Market for June 26. NEW YORK.—Money 2½% at 2½ per cent. Exchange steady; government steady. Currency sixes, 118 bid; four coupons, 129½ bid; four-and-a-half, 106½ bid. The stock market this morning was extremely dull. The only stocks at all active were New England and Chicago and East Illinois. There was some wide fluctuations in the sugar trust shares. After opening at 116½ against 117½ last evening, they declined to 113, but recovered to the neighborhood of 115, where they remained throughout the first hour. In the hour to noon they further recovered to 116½. The general list although dull was firm and at this writing prices are generally fractionally higher. Bur. & Quincy, 1 3/8 Michigan Cent., 20 3/4 Central Pacific, 37 1/2 Missouri Pacific, 75 1/2 C. C. & A. L., 72 N. Y. Central, 108 3/4 Del. & Hudson, 148 3/4 Northwestern, 100 3/4 Del. Lack. & W. 14 1/2 Ohio & Miss., 22 3/4 Illinois Central, 119 Pacific Mail, 35 3/4 Lake Shore, 105 3/4 St. Paul, 75 3/4 Louisville & Nash 70 3/4 Western Union, 55 3/4 Cincinnati. WHEAT—78½-87. CORN—56-59. WOOL—Washed, fine merino, 18-19; one-fourth blood combing, 23-24; medium de. fine and clothing, 24-25; braid, 18-20; medium combing, 23-24; fleece washed, fine merino, X and XX, 23-25; medium clothing, 22-23; dyeing, 20-22. HAY—No. 1 t. mothy, \$13 00; No. 2, \$8 00; prairie, \$7 50-8 50; wheat, oats and straw, \$5 00-6 00. CATTLE—Good to choice butchers, \$3 60-4 00; fair, \$2 50-3 50; common, \$1 75-2 75; stockers and feeders, \$2 25-3 75; yearlings and calves, \$2 00-3 50. HOGS—Se. wt. butchers, \$4 45-4 50; fair to good packing, \$4 35-4 45; fair to good light, \$4 45-4 50; common, \$3 75-4 30. SHEEP—Common to fair, \$3 00-3 75; good to choice, \$4 00-4 50. LAMBS—\$4 00-4 50. Pittsburg. CATTLE—Prime, \$24 25; fair to good, \$3 80-4 10; common to fair, \$3 50-3 75. HOGS—Philadelphia, \$4 50-4 60; mixed, \$4 20-4 40; Yorkers, \$4 70-4 80. SHEEP—Prime, \$4 40-4 65; fair to good, \$3 75-4 25; common, \$3 00-3 01; yearlings, \$3 50-4 50. LAMBS—\$5 00-7 00. Chicago. HOGS—Fair to good, \$4 35-4 60; mixed packing, \$4 30-4 50; heavy to choice, \$4 35-4 45. CATTLE—Choice to extra shipping, \$3 50-4 10; mixed, \$1 25-3 00; stockers and feeders, \$2 25-3 40. SHEEP—Common to choice, \$3 00-4 55. LAMBS—\$3 00-4 00. New York. WHEAT—No. 2 state red, 86; No. 2 red winter, July 85-90. CORN—Mixed, 42-45. OATS—No. 2 white, 28-30; No. 2 mixed, July, 25-30.



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