

COULD NOT LET BUTTON QUALIFY

Corporation Commission Refuses to Recognize Commissioner.

NOT HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Least Grave Doubt of Legality Expressed—For That Reason Commission Declines to Act Under It—Col. Button is Undecided.

Only the expected happened, yesterday when the Corporation Commission declined to allow Colonel Joseph Button to qualify as Insurance Commissioner.

Recently while in New York City, he was invited by Mr. Thomas F. Ryan to make a trip to Europe, and in order to take the oath of office, Colonel Button was forced to hasten back to this country.

The officers of the Insurance Commission are all ready and waiting, the furniture having been put in place and the name painted upon the doors.

Colonel Button alone visited the Corporation Commission rooms shortly before midday yesterday and formally asked permission to take the oath of office and to present his bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

The commission declined to comply with the request, and stated its reasons in a formal order and letter, which are printed below.

Question of Law

The question at issue is whether the Legislature had the right to appoint Colonel Button Insurance Commissioner, whether the appointment rests in the hands of the Corporation Commission.

No Unpleasantness.

Nothing unfriendly in the interview between the commission and Colonel Button.

Un Decided.



COLONEL JOSEPH BUTTON.

BADLY BURNED BY FLAME AND STEAM

Locomotive Boiler Explodes Near Doswell and Fireman is Horribly Burned.

JUMPS BLINDLY FROM TRAIN

In Great Agony, Mr. Julien E. Hudgins Partly Leaped and Partly Fell.

Mr. Julien E. Hudgins, a fireman on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, was terribly scalded by the bursting of the boiler in his engine early yesterday morning.

Demon of Fire and Steam.

A great mass of curling flame, steam and hot water shot out of the furnace door like the explosion of a volcano, and from head to foot Mr. Hudgins received the hissing, flaming matter.

That done, and while the rest of the train crew gathered round, he cut out of the fireman's gloves, for he was an old hand at such accidents and knew that drawing off gloves from scalded hands takes the skin with them.

Brought to Retreat.

Mr. Hudgins was made as comfortable as possible, while the first Richmond-bound train was awaited.

THREE KILLED; FIVE INJURED IN EXPLOSION

BRISTOL, TENN., June 30.—The premature explosion of a dynamite blast at camp No. 2, of the Walton Construction Company, at 6 o'clock this evening resulted in the instant death of three men and the injury of five others.

TELEGRAPH RATE IS REGULATED

Corporation Commission Serves Order on Western Union and Postal Companies.

MATERIAL REDUCTION MADE

Will Serve Order on Express Companies Regulating Tariff Charges in State.

The Corporation Commission has just completed an order prescribing rates and charges for all telegrams sent or received between points in Virginia, and has served the order on the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies.

Not More Than "Quarter"

Except as may be otherwise specially provided, a telegraph company shall not collect more than twenty-five cents for

POST-OFFICE THIEF CONFESSES ROBBERY

Assistant Cashier of Washington City Office is Placed Under Arrest.

TRAIN ROLLED INTO DITCH; EIGHT HURT

LUTICA, N. Y., June 30.—The north-bound passenger train on the Delaware Lackawanna and Western railroad, due in this city at 11:45 A. M., went into the ditch at Chadwicks, ten miles south of this city. Eight persons were injured.

MR. AND MRS. ASTOR NOW ON WAY TO AMERICA

LONDON, June 30.—The White Star line steamer Celtic, which sailed for New York from Liverpool yesterday, and from Queenstown today, took aboard her passengers Mr. and Mrs. Robert Astor, who were Mrs. Astor's mother.

WIFE WILL TELL THRILLING STORY

Tremendous Sensation Expected When Mrs. Thaw Takes Stand.

DETECTIVES WERE HIRED BY WHITE

Declared Thaw Was Crazy and That He Had Never Wronged Him—Alleged Assault on Pittsburg Man Instigated by Architect.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, June 30.—That Mrs. Thaw will be the principal witness for the defense at her husband's trial for the murder of Stanford White, and that she will tell a thrilling and tremendous story, opening the eyes of New Yorkers and people all over the world, were statements made last night during the great attention of any of the latest developments in the case.

Timbers Gave Way Without Warning and Workmen Were Hurl'd Through Air—Daughter of Governor of New Hampshire Names Vessel.

(By Associated Press.) CAMDEN, N. J., June 30.—The battleship New Hampshire was launched today at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company in this city.

RICHMOND GETS NEW POST-OFFICE

Conferees Agree After All-Night Session, and Congress Passes Amended Bill.

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BEGIN WORK WITH \$200,000

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—The appropriation of \$200,000 with which to begin work on the Richmond postoffice, customs house and courthouse, was made when the Senate and House almost simultaneously agreed to the conference report on the public buildings bill at about 2 o'clock.

TWO KILLED, MANY HURT IN TERRIFIC STORM

Buildings Blown Down in Philadelphia—Great Damage Done Everywhere.

CZAR FRIGHTENED BY DISAFFECTION IN ARMY

Conference of Highest Officers in Empire Summoned for Conference.

LIENANTENANT RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The President has accepted the resignation of First Lieutenant McCormick, a native of Virginia and entered the marine corps in 1904.

FIVE HURT AT LAUNCHING OF BIG NEW BATTLESHIP



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CONGRESS ENDS RECORD SESSION WITH SLOW DAY

Final Adjournment Reached Last Night at 10 o'clock.

PRESIDENT SIGNS MANY LATE BILLS

Senatorial Dignity Preserved Inviolate, but House Had Frolic at End.

VAST SUMS SPENT; MANY NOTABLE LAWS ENACTED

Agreed on All Sides That Session Has Been One of Most Remarkable in History of Country—Powerful Influence of the President.

Acts of Congress and Demands of President

WHAT PRESIDENT GOT. A railway rate bill, but with provision for review by the courts.

WHAT HE DID NOT GET. The Philippine tariff measure. The San Domingo treaty, which it is now believed will be defeated.

Immediate construction of a 20,000-ton battleship for the navy.

Direct Federal control and supervision over life insurance companies.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—Congress adjourned sine die to-night.

For the first time in the history of the government Congress adjourned on the day which closed the fiscal year.

Error Causes Flurry. There were some interesting features to mark the end, which finally came when there were less than a quorum in either House as many Senators and Representatives relying on the belief that the adjournment would come early in the day, made their arrangements to leave in the afternoon, and they did not remain for the closing scenes.

An error in the enrollment of the sundry civil appropriation bill caused quite a flurry about the Capitol.

President on Hand. President Roosevelt came to the Capitol about 1 o'clock in anticipation of an early adjournment, and when he found that there would be a delay in order to secure the enrollment of the bill which had to be passed, he took lunch in the Capitol, and in the afternoon visited the Congressional Library.

Speaker Cannon rigidly carried out his intention of keeping back the adjournment resolution until the bill were all passed and signed, and the hour for the end was not known until a short time before the gavel fell with the announcement by Vice-President Fairbanks, in the Senate, and the Speaker, in the House, that the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress stood adjourned without a day.

No Business. Both Senate and House met early, but a long recess was necessary in the afternoon to enable the enrolling clerks to catch up to the bills that had been passed.

Frolic in House. The animosities and political differences of the present session of Congress were totally forgotten or laid aside in the House, and the members joined in the merriment of the day.