

ALGER IS FINALLY CUT ADRIET.

President McKinley Wouldn't Carry the Load Longer.

Didn't Have the Nerve to Do It Himself, But Had the News Broken By Vice-President Hobart—Story of the Incident.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Gen. Russell A. Alger this morning called upon the president and handed in his resignation, to take effect at the pleasure of the president. There was no comment, except that the president asked if he wished to go at once, and the reply of the secretary that he would remain until the assistant secretary returned, if the successor should not be chosen at once.

Politicians have for some weeks been anxious to get Alger out. The Pingree alliance was the excuse. They urged the president to get rid of Alger, but McKinley said he could not ask for Alger's resignation with such an excuse. President McKinley found himself in a very embarrassing position. He did not know what to do. He felt that he could not ask Alger to resign, and did not want to oppose other members of the cabinet and the political leaders urging the step.

At this stage it develops that Attorney General Griggs was sent as a messenger to Vice-President Hobart to ask the vice-president to advise Alger to resign. Hobart agreed to undertake the delicate mission of saying to Gen. Alger what the president and other members of the cabinet would not say to him. He telegraphed Alger inviting him to spend a few days at Long Branch. When the secretary arrived, and the two men had an opportunity to talk freely, Hobart advised Alger to resign, saying the country was against him and he might as well recognize that it must be satisfied.

Alger asked if the vice-president spoke only for himself or at the suggestion of others. Hobart had to tell him the whole story, that the president wanted his resignation, but did not wish to ask for it; that Attorney-General Griggs had been a messenger of the president and the cabinet to him, and that he (Hobart) was merely the agent of the administration in inviting Alger to retire.

Alger remarked that the suggestion was somewhat roundabout, but that he would hand the president his resignation as soon as he returned to Washington. He had supposed that he and the president were on terms of friendship justifying frankness regarding the situation; but all he desired was to know the president's pleasure, even though it came by way of Long Branch and through the vice-president acting as the president's messenger. He returned to Washington last night and handed his resignation to President McKinley at 9 o'clock this morning.

The suddenness with which Secretary Alger acted on the hint given him nonplussed McKinley and those of his advisers who had been clamoring for his resignation. They seemed to have thought that Alger would attempt to hold his place, and were not ready with his successor. Many names are being mentioned. It is thought quite likely that General James Wilson will be offered the place.

Contest Over a Claim.

The trial of the case of Mrs. Alena Bergstrand vs. Mrs. M. A. Hummel took place before Justice Starns this week, with the result that the defendant was discharged, with a recommendation to the complainant that she seek recourse in the civil courts. The story told at the trial brought out a series of facts which make an interesting tale. About two months ago Mrs. Hummel, Mrs. Bergstrand, Mr. Sparks and Mr. Whitley purchased the so-called Trevorrow claim, on Gold Hill, for \$20,000, paying \$5,000 in cash and Mrs. Bergstrand giving a check for the balance, the same being drawn upon a brother-in-law living in Dakota.

Not long after this contract was made Mrs. Hummel made out a bill of sale transferring Mrs. Bergstrand's interest to herself, and it was signed by Mrs. Bergstrand in the presence of two witnesses, after which Mrs. Hummel sold the property at a good profit.

Mrs. Bergstrand set up in the trial that she had not, to her knowledge, signed a bill of sale, but that she either signed a power of attorney to Mrs. Hummel or was induced by her to sign a bill of sale under the impression that it was a power of attorney.

Incidentally, it appeared in the testimony that Mrs. Bergstrand's brother-in-law did not honor the check drawn in his name; but the claim proved to be a good one and the \$15,000 has already been taken out of it.

A Nervy Act.

A brave and nervy act was brought out Monday by the running away on Front street of the big Black team belonging to the A. C. Co. The steamer Canadian had just arrived in, filling the street with people, and it appeared morally certain that somebody would be run over. When the danger was at its height and the runaway were tearing along at a 2:40 clip, trailing a big lumber wagon, Alex. Campbell ran out, grasped one of the horses by the bit and brought the two up short. His heroic act brought him a round of applause from the big crowd.

Poisoned Her Departure.

Miss Greta Robinson may be set down as no friend of the new capias ordinance lately passed by the Yukon council. To it is due her presence in the city today, as she intended to leave on the steamer Victorian last Sunday for the outside; indeed, the lady had her ticket

purchased and was aboard the boat, when the horrid capias loomed up in the hands of Constable Owen, and she was obliged to disembark. It may be said further that Greta's name did not appear on the boat's passenger list, but that of Mrs. Reynolds did, and there is a suspicion that Greta and Mrs. Reynolds are one and the same.

The capias was employed in this instance by Hobbs & Smith, who represent that Miss Greta is indebted to them in the sum of several hundred dollars for furniture and that she purposed leaving the country with the intention of defrauding them of the same.

John Riley is another gentleman who probably has no love for the new ordinance, as it was the means of holding him in Dawson this week, when he desired to leave for the outside. The ordinance was employed by S. A. Ripstein, who claims that Riley owes him \$2,600.

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In case the companies decide to furnish the gold I will wire Mr. Peck so that he can make arrangements to receive it.

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A Revolution in Building.

It looks very much at this time as though the day of log cabins and frame buildings in Dawson is rapidly drawing to a close. Experiments have been made in the manufacture of brick so successfully that it now seems altogether likely that brick will soon begin to replace logs and lumber in the construction of buildings.

Messrs. Hobbs & Smith, the pioneer lumbermen of Dawson, are now out with an article in the brick line that will warrant the closest attention of prospective builders both as to quality and cost. The growth of the Hobbs & Smith plant has been something phenomenal. Their gentlemen began operations in Dawson in a very small way. They built the first work bench in Dawson in the spring of '97, and by making a circular saw from pieces of an old whipsaw and picking up a stray boiler and engine that had wandered into the country they were soon having lumber and manufacturing stores and office fixtures.

From this modest beginning a plant representing a cash investment of \$100,000 stands today as proof of their enterprise and confidence in the stability of the town.

At the present time they are giving their attention to the production of brick and lime, in addition to their lumber mill interests. Their brick kiln is located a short distance from Dawson, up the Yukon. They have uncovered a splendid deposit of clay, from which they have already made over 150,000 of the fine building brick as can be seen anywhere. The brick are a solid, substantial article, taking no more than 15 per cent water, which is an exceedingly good average. The clay is there in unlimited quantities, and sufficient to supply Dawson for all time to come.

The present capacity of the kiln is 10,000 per day, which can be readily increased to an almost unlimited amount.

Realizing, however, that lime must be secured cheaply and in quantity, if brick were to become an available article in Dawson, Messrs. Smith & Hobbs have opened up a deposit of lime, located about 10 miles this side of Sixty-Mile. The lime, of which 12 tons are now lying in their warehouse at the mill, is of excellent quality and well adapted for building purposes. Mr. Hobbs states that he can take out and bring to Dawson 500 bushels of lime in 20 days.

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