

He has in fact not appointed a single Catholic except by reappointment of appointees of Mayor Harrison or as substitutes for Mayor Harrison's Catholic appointees.

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Since Mayor Dunne's appointments the Board has taken action, outside of routine, in only two important particulars, and this is not yet final. Through a sub-committee it has presented a report on the methods (p. 766) of admitting teachers to the service, of advancing them functionally and in pay, of recording their competency, and of dismissing them. This report is to be publicly discussed on the 31st. The Board has also refused to pass to higher salaries about 136 teachers alleged to have earned the salary advance under the rules. While the proper committee had under consideration the question of fact as to whether this salary advance should be allowed, Trustee R. A. White moved in the Board on the 24th the immediate advancement of the teachers in question. His motion was made on the basis of a list without certifying documents, and was defeated by 11 votes to 8. The investigating committee subsequently reported that in only six of the 136 cases, were the records sufficiently complete to warrant custodians of a trust fund in allowing the salary advances upon the basis of such records.

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Throughout the period of work upon these matters, several of the local papers, notably the Tribune, the Record-Herald and the Daily News, have made sensational and in the main discolored and false reports, calculated to create a public misapprehension of the work and purposes of the Board. The motive for this strenuous and continuous misrepresentation is not well known, but is suspected to be connected with certain peculiar property interests of great magnitude, the value of which it is feared Mayor Dunne's appointees may disturb.

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Condition of Mrs. Eddy.

Sensational statements were published on the 28th to the effect that Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, suffers from cancer and is in a dying condition, and that owing to her enfeeblement she is personated in her carriage daily by a friend, in order that the facts about her condition may not become public. This report was promptly denied from Concord, N. H., where Mrs. Eddy lives. One of the persons denying it was Charles R. Corning, Mayor of Concord, who called upon her in the afternoon of the same day. Her secretary, Calvin A. Frye, also denied the report, saying that Mrs. Eddy is "in excellent health and has no cancer or any chronic or organic or functional disease." Later newspaper reports describe her as going out in her carriage in person.

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The Passing of the Salton Sea.

On the 24th the waters of the Colorado river at the southeastern corner of California were turned back into their old channel, thereby checking the further creation of what has been called the Salton sea. Two years ago the Colorado river broke

through its banks which were being tampered with for irrigation purposes, and began rapidly to fill up the Salton "sink," an ancient lake bed much below sea level. Several times the Southern Pacific had to remove its tracks, meanwhile making desperate efforts to control the advancing floods. The cost of the work now believed to have met with success, is put at \$1,000,000. In the meantime meteorological observations recorded while this apparent disaster has been in the process of being retrieved, seem to indicate that the calamity may after all have been a climatic blessing, and that it may not be desirable to let the new sea revert into a desert. It is asserted that since the Salton sea has made its appearance the rainfall in the contiguous regions has greatly increased and big crops have been raised without irrigation. It is held by those who report these phenomena that if the sea could be permitted to remain, millions of dollars could be saved that would otherwise be expended in reclaiming arid lands by irrigation. A dispatch to the Chicago Chronicle says:

It is the theory of those who believe that the apparent change of climatic conditions in the southwest is due to the Salton Sea, that before the advent of that body of water moisture-laden clouds from the Pacific ocean were unable to get across the great expanse of desert because of the terrific heat from the parched and blistering sand. This made the region to the east of the desert arid and unfit for agricultural development. Occasionally in the winter season clouds would get across the desert and rains would occur in the arid region. Since the thousands of square miles of desert are now covered with a sea 10 to 120 feet deep the moisture-laden clouds are able to pass into the formerly arid region of Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas, and abundant rains are the result.

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The Starved Out Utes.

The band of Ute Indians who have been making their way northward through the State of Wyoming, having trouble in their progress with farmers and ranchmen (p. 705), on the 30th were encamped in the hills near Arvada in northeastern Wyoming, where United States troops were closing in on them. The Indians, though committing depredations, are said by some of the old Indian fighters to be peaceable enough, but they insist that under no circumstances will they return to their reservation in Utah, as they say they would starve there. They claim the valley of the Powder River, which runs north through northeastern Wyoming and Montana into the Yellowstone, and they insist that the "White Father" must give it to them as a hunting ground. They also assert that at any cost they are going to visit the Northern Cheyennes, whose reservation is about 75 miles north in Montana. The settlers in the Powder River valley are alarmed, and are removing their families to safer localities.

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Municipal Upheaval in San Francisco.

Dispatches of the week from the Pacific coast tell of proceedings on the part of District Attorney Langdon and his assistant, Mr. Heney, to investigate official corruption in San Francisco. Mayor Schmitz is absent in Europe, and on the 26th Acting Mayor Gallagher suspended District Attorney Langdon and appointed Abraham Ruef in his place. Mr. Ruef has