

EXIT CORPORAL TANNER

HIS RESIGNATION DEMANDED AND GIVEN.

TO LEAVE THE PENSION BUREAU WHEN
A SUFFICIENTLY SOFT PLACE TO
FALL IN IS FOUND FOR HIM.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The President made the following appointments to-day:

Collectors of Internal Revenue.—JOHN S. LOTHROP of Iowa, for the Third District of Iowa; JAMES W. HEARNE of Texas, for the Fourth District of Texas.

The storm which has been gathering about the head of Corporal Tanner almost from the day of his induction into the office of Commissioner of Pensions has burst suddenly and overwhelmed him as in a cyclone. He goes out from his present office under pressure on account of his mismanagement of the Pension Bureau and his reckless extravagance in granting pensions and rerating the pensions of favorites in and out of that office.

The investigation ordered by Secretary Noble, when he could no longer turn a deaf ear to the specific charges against Tanner, which were daily published in the newspapers, has fully shown the utter incompetence of Corporal Tanner, and the President has been compelled to remove this cause of scandal upon his Administration. The facts developed by the investigating committee are still kept secret, but they were laid before the President last Saturday, after the Cabinet meeting, as stated in a dispatch to THE TIMES, and Tanner's suspension or removal was agreed upon.

The need for immediate action seemed so important that the President gave up his intended return to Deer Park, and has since consulted with Secretary Noble, Gen. Tracy, Senator Hiscock, and other advisers as to the best course to pursue to remove the cause of constant annoyance and danger to the Administration without the risk of political consequences which might be regretted. It was represented to him that, if he should not remove Tanner, the Republican Party would be almost sure to lose Ohio, and if he should remove him the Democrats would carry New-York.

This harrowing alternative had to be met, and Senator Hiscock was conveniently at hand to assure him that New-York was safe in any event, also to put in a good word for Gen. Poole of Syracuse as a suitable successor to Tanner and whose appointment would soothe any discontent in the State, especially if Tanner should be let down easy by another good appointment. This latter suggestion was in accord with what Mr. Harrison had already in mind, and he inquired whether it would be satisfactory to the Senator and the party if Tanner should be appointed Marshal for the Southern District of New-York.

It is understood that Mr. Hiscock assented to this proposition. At any event, the appointment was offered to Tanner this afternoon, but was neither accepted nor declined. He was then smarting under the peremptory demand for his resignation, which had been made and complied with during the interview between the President, Secretary Noble, and himself about 3 o'clock to-day. Later in the day Tanner said he was out of office and intended to stay out. A friend of the Corporal says he will probably go into partnership with ex-Commissioner W. W. Dudley as a pension attorney, but it is more probable that he will accept the Marshalship of Southern New-York or another equally desirable office.

Candidates for the office of Commissioner of Pensions are springing up so rapidly that Senator Hiscock's man may not get the place. Among the names of aspirants are those of Gen. Warner of Missouri, late Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Gen. Charles E. Brown of Cincinnati, Gen. Poole of New-York, and Gen. Powell of Illinois. All of these gentlemen can bring strong influence to bear.

It is understood that the President feels warranted in denying to-night that Tanner's resignation has been requested and tendered. What occurred to-day is regarded as unofficial and incomplete, and therefore not ready for announcement. The trouble is to find a good office that Tanner will consent to accept. If one can be found, the Corporal's resignation will be accepted and announced as though it were voluntary. If no satisfactory provision can be made for him he may be allowed to remain at the head of the Pension Bureau for a season.

The President is very anxious that it shall not appear that he has treated the Corporal harshly. He does not forget that Tanner has simply carried out the Republican promises as to pensions, and it would be awkward to explain to Tanner's Grand Army backers why he was kicked out. Every effort is to be made to persuade him to allow himself to be transferred to another office without making a noise about it.

The Secretary of the Navy has dissolved the court of inquiry at the Washington Navy Yard, of which Capt. Whitehead was President, and which engaged in the investigation of the charges preferred by Marine Harvey against Capt. Pope, commanding the Marine Guard at the yard. The charge was cruel treatment during imprisonment, but the opinion of officers is that the court fully exonerates Capt. Pope.

The Navy Department has received a report from Commodore Skerrett and Naval Constructor Hanscom to the effect that upon examining the gunboat Petrel in dock at Baltimore they found her bottom in excellent condition and every indication of structural strength and excellent workmanship.

The Postmaster General has appointed the following fourth-class Postmasters:

New-York.—William Wiles, Fultonville, Montgomery County; Sidney G. Grow, Hogansburg, Franklin County; Morris T. Munger, Montrose, Westchester County.

Connecticut.—Elias F. Ganford, Orehill.

Maine.—Ezra M. Dolloff, City Point.

New-Hampshire.—William H. Adams, Compton Village.

Vermont.—Ira A. Shattuck, Hardwick, Caledonia; Russel W. Hyde, Hydeville; W. O. Childs, Londonderry; David S. Fulson, Waits River.

Maryland.—William H. Hutchins, Adelina; Emory F. Lane, Bowers; Samuel P. Earp, Elkridge; Camilla B. Wright, Mantua Mills; Mrs. C. R. Carpenter, Pisgah.

Virginia.—A. E. Raney, Disputanta; William C. Word, Gold Hill; George W. King, Han; William M. Nichols, Rockbridge Baths.

Pennsylvania.—John Klugh, Franklinton; W. J. Pratt, Pocopson; Mrs. Ada S. Wheeler, Quay.