

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

Governor Heyward Appoints Mr. E. J. Watson to the Position of Immigration Commissioner.

News and Courier.

Columbia, February 23.—Governor Heyward is very much interested in the newly created department of immigration. He wishes to make it a success from the jump, and he thinks that he has succeeded in giving it the proper start at the outset, and tonight announced that he had appointed Mr. E. J. Watson, of Columbia, as commissioner under the provisions of the recently enacted law.

The idea of a department of this kind is dear to the heart of Governor Heyward, and before he started in on the campaign which resulted in his election he advocated the establishment of such a department, and in fact ever since he has been in public life he has been earnestly endeavoring in his quiet way to have such a law enacted. Then, when the law was passed, the General Assembly pointedly placed the responsibility for the success of the undertaking on him and his appointee. On this account Governor Heyward has been careful in making his appointment, and he feels that he has taken the first step forward in the right direction by the appointment of Mr. E. J. Watson to the position. Governor Heyward's purpose was to find some one who had some experience in this, who was a hustler, who could and would devote his entire time to the work and who was in no way in politics. Mr. Watson has never been a candidate for political preferment, and his selection by Governor Heyward was entirely voluntary. Mr. Watson made no overtures for the appointment, and it was at the suggestion of friends of Governor Heyward and at the solicitation of Governor Heyward himself that Mr. Watson accepted the position.

For more than a year Mr. Watson has been the secretary of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and it was in connection with that work that Governor Heyward was impressed with the character of his work and the desirability of placing him in charge of the newly established department. Mr. Watson has made a distinct success of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and there is every reason why he should make a similar name for himself in the department of immigration.

Mr. Watson has lived all his life in Columbia and is a graduate of the South Carolina College of the class of 1889. After his graduation he went into newspaper work and has been associated with the State ever since its establishment in 1891. For very many years he was the city editor and won an enviable name and reputation for himself by his hard, conscientious and effective work. Recently he was promoted to the position of news and telegraph editor of the State and he will retire from this position to accept his new work.

It is not expected that the new department will be ready for work until about the 15th of March, as Governor Heyward is anxious for the department to be started out in good shape.

Mr. Watson was elected secretary of the South Carolina Immigration Association and is a member of the executive committee of that organization. And he has been in close touch with the preliminary work that has recently been done in connection with this movement.

Governor Heyward's appointment is distinctly fortunate. If there is any possibility of the immigration department being a success and its resulting in good for the State at large, Mr. Watson is the right man to bring about the result. He is young, progressive in his ideas, active, quick in conclusions, and altogether Governor Heyward has made a splendid selection and one on which he should be congratulated.

THINKS JAPAN WILL WHIP.

Admiral Bowles Believes Japanese Navy Holds Key to Situation.

Boston Post.

"It is in the interest of the United States that Japan should be victorious in this war, and I certainly expect that she will be." This is the opinion of Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, member of the board of strategy in the Spanish war, and probably the best informed man in America regarding the eastern situation. In an interview in his office at the Fore River Iron works the man who has been identified with the building of the new United States

navy since its beginning talked of the first battle in which torpedoes have ever been successfully used.

"Japan seems to have played fair throughout," said the admiral, "and our interest in preserving the integrity of Manchuria and Korea is the same as her own, although perhaps not as great. There is no danger of the United States being drawn into complications in the east, but I regard it as very necessary that Japan should win. Admiral Evans, who is in command over there, is the very best possible man for the place, and there can be no question but what the rights of Americans will be safeguarded so long as he is in charge."

"The fact that Japan began hostilities before making any formal declaration of war has precedents enough; the United States did about the same thing in the Spanish war. The first blow counts a good deal, and Japan getting that first battle, means much, which her skilful naval men realize. In numbers the Russians and Japanese fleets are about the same in eastern waters, but in reality that of Japan is much superior, are faster and are better armed. It is probable that she will soon defeat Russia at sea, and it will then be a case of how long Russia can, or wishes to prolong a hopeless struggle. Russia has, of course, immense resources, and can transport troops over the Siberian railway in an almost endless chain. But if Japan commands the sea, I am convinced that she can land forces enough to defeat the Russian armies as fast as they are brought over."

"But is not the railway a very crude affair, one that could easily be destroyed?" was asked. "It is not a good railway as we know railways in America," said Admiral Bowles, "but it is a very good railway, nevertheless. A friend who went over it a few months ago assured me that it was in far better condition than had been reported. Neither nation has any submarine boats, although I believe that a few of the Holland type are now building on the Baltic, which the Russian government is expected to buy. These, however, cannot be completed in time to be of any service in the present war."

"What chiefly interests naval men in the reported engagements is the use of the torpedoes. Torpedoes are really an unknown factor in modern warfare. I have always believed in their utility, but though they have been carried on warships for years, there has been no practical demonstration of their availability. They were not tried in the Spanish war, and while some sort of an attempt was made to use them in the Chinese war, it amounted to nothing. The engagement at Port Arthur, if as the newspapers tell us, proves conclusively the use of the torpedo boat. They cannot, of course, be used in a battle in broad daylight, but at night or in a fog they can do tremendous execution, as it is evident resulted in Port Arthur. All of the battle ships in eastern waters, both Russian and Japanese, carry torpedo tubes, but not all of them the submarine ones."

"Russia has some very efficient officers as well as Japan, but in the personnel of the ships I should say Japan is the superior."

The Retort Courteous.

Baltimore Sun.

A Baltimore girl who has been living in California for several years and who has recently returned home has brought with her a number of stories of the way of the "heathen Chinese" as he appears to the dwellers on the Pacific coast. Thinking that her landladyman could understand pigeon English only, the girl from the effete east addressed him on one occasion thus: "Me no likee my washee brought home Friday. Me likee washee Thursday. Why you no blingee washee Thursday?"

And the Chinaman, to her complete discomfiture, replied, "Madam, it was not convenient."

After that frost, so the teller of the story says, nothing but the most irrefragably correct English of the university type was spoken out to that Celestial.

An awful family tragedy occurred near Calf Creek, Madison county, N. C., on Monday night. It is said that a young man named Hensley eloped with the daughter of Tom Kess; that Kess sent word to the young folks to return to his home, and upon their return he drew his pistol and shot his daughter, inflicting mortal wounds. After Kess had shot his daughter the young bridegroom wrenched the pistol from Kess's hand, and shot his father-in-law dead.

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