

NINE IN POSTAL NET

Grand Jury Finds Still More Indictments Against Alleged Postoffice Crooks.

CARRIERS' SATCHELS NOW IN QUESTION

Contractors Said to Receive Straps from Government and Charge Them Up.

RESULTANT PROFITS ARE DIVIDED

Maeben, McGregor and Two Lorenz's All Implotted in the Deal.

LETTER BOX PAINTER PAYS COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Mayor Declared to Have Paid for Contract Awarded Him Through Free Delivery Superintendent's Influence.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Seven indictments were returned today against nine persons in connection with the postoffice scandals.

August W. Maeben, formerly general superintendent of free delivery.

John T. Cupper, mayor of Lock Haven, Pa.

William C. Long of this city.

George E. Lorenz of Toledo, O.

Martin J. Lorenz, wife of above.

Charles H. Maeben, formerly chief of the supply division of the rural free delivery service.

Leopold J. Stern of Baltimore.

With the exception of Crawford all the above are indicted for conspiracy.

Indictment against Crawford is for presenting a false claim against the government.

Crawford came into court voluntarily this afternoon and was released on \$10,000.

Maeben Takes Commission.

Maeben, Cupper and Long are named jointly in one indictment for violation of the conspiracy section of the revised statutes.

Indictment declares that between July 1, 1897, and July 1, 1901, Cupper induced Maeben to give him the contract for painting letter boxes, postoffice and meter boxes.

Another indictment against Stern, Long and Maeben, based on alleged violation of the same statute, alleges that Stern entered into a contract with the government to furnish letter carriers and collectors satchels for the free delivery service.

Shoulder Straps Stolen.

A third indictment jointly names William Gordon Crawford, well known socially in this city; August W. Maeben, George E. Lorenz and wife in a conspiracy.

Crawford represented the Postal Device and Lock company, which received the contract for furnishing some of the letter carriers' satchels.

The Postal Device and Lock company is a New Jersey corporation and its officers are mostly New York men.

Maurice Bunkel of New York, Thomas W. McGregor, recently indicted in Baltimore under another indictment, and August W. Maeben are named jointly in another indictment for a similar transaction.

Mrs. Bunkel received payment for shoulder straps which she failed to furnish with carriers' satchels, as required under the specifications, the Postoffice department furnishing the straps for which the contractor was paid.

John T. Cupper, mayor of Lock Haven, Pa., is charged in a separate indictment with paying Maeben a bribe of \$900 in August, 1901.

Mrs. Bunkel is charged in another indictment for accepting a bribe, both these bribery cases being in the same transaction involved in the conspiracy indictment.

DIET PROBES BRIBE CHARGES

Warrant Issues for Deines and Committee of Investigation Appointed.

BUDAPEST, July 31.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of former Deputy Deines, who was charged in the Diet on Wednesday with having attempted to bribe Deputy Zolman Papp, with 10,000 kronen, to desert the obstructionist from the lower house of the Diet today.

The lower house of the Diet today appointed a committee to investigate the charges against Deines.

Count Szapary, who is suspected of being responsible for the attempt to bribe Deputy Papp, and that the government is closely connected with the attempt.

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GOVERNOR PAYS THE TROOPS

Removes Comptroller Who Refuses Money and Now Has to Reorganize Position.

COLOON, July 31.—As a result of differences with the authorities at Panama, Governor Veles, governor of the province of Bolivar, has resigned.

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MANCHESTER, July 31.—The possibility of the taxation of raw cotton imported from foreign countries, with cotton grown within the empire exempt, has greatly excited the manufacturers of the Lancashire district.

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ITALIAN SENATOR ASSAULTED

Man Who Has Lost His Fortune in Revolution Makes the Attack.

ROME, July 31.—Senator Malvano, secretary-general of the Foreign office, while leaving his house on his way to his office today, was suddenly attacked by a man who struck him two violent blows with a stick on his head and then ran away.

The senator's assailant, however, was almost immediately arrested. He was identified as an Italian named Buffa, who had lost his fortune in the revolution.

PERMIT SECURED BY FRAUD

Russia Asks to Make Research in Tibet and Then Sends an Army.

COLOGNE, July 31.—The Cologne Gazette says it has learned from reliable sources that after secret negotiations for permission to make geological research in Tibet Russia sent several hundred Cossacks into Tibet, asserting that it has Chinese permission to march through that territory.

The Chinese government, however, has informed its representative in Tibet that no such permission has been given and that he must watch Russian movements closely, while abstaining from forceful opposition.

SUGAR DUTIES CONTINUED

India Government Keeps Up Fight Against Bounties Until Last Minute.

SIMLA, July 31.—The levying of countervailing duties on imported and bountied sugar has been extended to March 21, 1904. The decision is based on the fact that most of the sugar available for export from bountied countries up to March 21, 1904, will have received bounties.

SAYS MRS. FAIR DIED FIRST

Woman Witness of Fatal Accident Testifies in Famous Will Case.

PARIS, July 31.—Mrs. Tremblay, who alleges that she witnessed the automobile accident which killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair last Friday at Percy Sur Ure last August, was examined this afternoon.

She positively declared that Mrs. Fair was killed on the spot and that her husband's legs continued to twitch for some seconds.

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COLORADO STRIKERS RETURN

Fuel and Iron Company's Machinists Accept Compromise Offered by Firm.

PUEBLO, Colo., July 31.—After being on strike since July 11 the 135 machinists and helpers at the Minneapolis Steel works of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company will return to work tomorrow.

The men demanded an increase from 33 cents to 35 cents an hour. A compromise of 32 cents was agreed on.

PACKING TRADE THREATENED

New French Tariff Places Serious Handicap on American Importers.

RECIPROCAL REDUCTIONS SUGGESTED

Paris Government Informally Hints at Cut Rates if America Similarly Aids its Manufacturers.

PARIS, July 31.—A rather plain official intimation has been given that if reductions are desired in the new French tariff duties levied on American imported meats they will be accorded only for reciprocal tariff concessions in the case of French goods entering the United States.

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WILSON GOES TO OYSTER BAY

Secretary of Agriculture Discusses Business of Department with the President.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 31.—Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture arrived here today and was driven to Sagamore Hill.

He remained with the president a comparatively brief time, leaving on the 1:30 p. m. train for New York en route to Washington.

Mr. Wilson, president of the Civil Service Commission, and Mrs. Roosevelt left a part of today. The president considered with Commissioner Procter the case of William A. Miller, who recently was reinstated in the government printing office as a reformer in the industry.

CIGARETTE BURNS FIVE MEN

Leaking Gas Ignited by Smoker Causes Explosion in Philadelphia Manhole.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., July 31.—As a result of a leakage in the artificial and natural gas mains in the downtown districts an explosion in a manhole of the municipal conduit system caused injury to five prominent men.

The gas was ignited when John Morrison, superintendent of construction, struck a match to light a cigarette.

The injured: John Morrison, seriously burned on face, head and neck.

Robert Burns, assistant city engineer, severely burned on face and head; also burned internally; is in a critical condition.

Colonel Dan Reingan, contractor of Philadelphia, badly burned about face and neck.

ONE ARMED MAN CAPTURED

Escapes from Federal Prison and is at Liberty Almost a Week.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 31.—Ben W. Starnes, the one-armed fire prisoner, who escaped in a daring manner on Saturday night last from the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was captured early today near Richmond, Mo.

Starnes' leg was broken by the shot and he surrendered without resistance, although he was well armed. He was returned to prison today.

SROUFE HURT IN COLLISION

Superintendent of Southern Pacific and Wife Injured in Arizona.

TUCSON, Ariz., July 31.—The private car of Superintendent C. C. Sroufe of the Southern Pacific Tucson-Yuma division, with Mr. and Mrs. Sroufe, Eugene Randolph, general manager of the Pacific Electric railway of Los Angeles, Senator Eugene E. Ives and General Manager McFarland of the Canadian railroad aboard, collided today with a yard engine in the Naco yards.

Superintendent Sroufe was severely injured in the back and spine and Superintendent Randolph was badly cut on the head.

The remainder of the party escaped without injury.

STRIKE BREAKERS SHOOT FREE

Surrounded by Hooting Mob, Let Drive at Crowd, Seriously Injuring Two.

MCKEESPORT, Pa., July 31.—The most serious disturbances that have occurred since the inauguration of the strike at the Furness iron mill took place today. During the progress of the riot one man was fatally injured and another was shot so that he will be crippled for life.

Fatally injured: John Moutz of McKeesport, shot above forehead, the bullet lodging near the spine; will die.

Seriously injured: John Cameron of McKeesport, shot in left knee.

Both victims were nonparticipants and were on their way home from the mill. When they turned toward the street they were struck on the head and face.

The shooting attracted an immense crowd and the wounded men were taken to St. Francis hospital.

RICHARD ROOT IS AT REST

Veteran Iowa Republican Buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Richard Root of Iowa, who died at Camden, Me., on Wednesday, was buried in Arlington cemetery today.

Colonel Root was a wheelhorse in Iowa republicanism. He came to Washington with the late senator John H. Gear of Iowa and until the senator's death was his confidential friend and adviser.

President Roosevelt has, by executive order, put into practice the doctrine he has preached since the time he was assistant secretary of the navy, that powerful ships and expensive and deadly guns are useless to the navy unless the men behind them are drilled for gunners.

Out of ten men drilled for gunners perhaps three qualify, and these may be lost to the service as the expiration of their enlistment with all that the loss entails in wasted expense and time.

Accordingly the president has ordered a system of cash prizes for the encouragement of gunners, and this ranges from \$10 per month added to the expert's pay who operates the big rifles down to \$2 per month for men who make a fair record with the one-pounder.

The department proposes to add to this extra service pay certain cash prizes not yet determined on in amount or application for exceptional records and to stimulate rivalry between the various warships will procure and offer ship trophies for each of the different classes of gun. A given trophy once won by a ship will be held for a year and for as many consecutive years as the ship can successfully defend its title to it.

RE-ELECT THE OLD OFFICERS

Library Board Makes No Change From the Roster of the Past Year.

The Omaha Public Library board held its regular monthly meeting last evening, at which the newly appointed director, Charles E. Morgan, participated for the first time.

The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting in the re-election of all the present officers.

Bill's were audited and allowed to the amount of \$1,253.83, including the annual insurance premium on the policies, all of which were renewed.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Saturday Showers and Warmer; Sunday Fair and Warmer.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table with columns: Hour, Degree, Hour, Degree. Rows: 5 a. m., 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 2 p. m., 5 p. m., 8 p. m.

FIRST WARD REPUBLICANS

Club Elects Officers for the Year and Gets Ready for the Next Campaign.

The ball at Tenth and Hickory streets was filled last night, the occasion being the election of officers of the First Ward Republican club for the ensuing year.

Returning secretary Coleman reported that membership before the meeting was organized, and A. M. Back made chairman until after the election of officers.

Nominations for president brought out the names of E. A. Willis, B. C. Miner and F. W. Coleman.

Mr. Miner took the chair and then there was a race to catch a vice president. A dozen men declined, and A. R. Hensel was elected by acclamation.

Finance—George Cathro, E. A. Willis, Frank McDonald, George Wolff, Clyde C. Sundblad, Thomas Astleford, James Cathro, Allen Smith.

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The plaintiff companies declare they have been notified that they are to lose their service.

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WARSAW, Ind., July 31.—The American Microscopical society finished its three days' meeting at Winona lake today.

These officers were elected: President, Prof. F. H. C. Weber, University of Illinois, vice president, Prof. H. A. Weber, Columbus, O., and Prof. W. Kuhn, Fort Wayne, secretary, Prof. H. B. Ward and R. H. Walcott, University of Nebraska; treasurer, J. C. Smith, New York; custodian, Magnus Pfaum, Pittsburgh.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS JULY 31

At New York—Arrived: Lucania, from Liverpool and Queenstown; Carpathia, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

At Liverpool—Passed: La Gascoigne, from Liverpool; Blythe, from New York for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg.

At Liverpool—Sailed: Cedric, for New York via Gibraltar and Naples.

At Genoa—Arrived: Hohenzollern, from New York via Gibraltar and Naples.

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CONCLAVE IS OPENED

Cardinals Enter "Prison" to Elect Pope Leo's Successor to Throne.

AGED ECCLESIASTICS ARE ALREADY IN

Dr. Laponi Called to Attend Concavina; Prelate in His Cell.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES IMPOSING

Crowds Throng Vatican, Bidding Farewell; Causing Great Confusion.

ONE CLERICAL PRINCE LOST IN PALACE

Leo's Wandering Among Discreet Rooms Until Traced and Found by His Attendant, Anxious at His Absence.

ROME, Aug. 1.—The largest conclave in the history of the Catholic church has now assembled in the Sistine chapel to elect a successor to Pope Leo XIII.

Two cardinals, with over 300 clerical and lay attendants, are to all intents and purposes prisoners within the Vatican.

Tomorrow morning the cardinals will enter on the solemn duty of choosing their new pope by ballot.

This does not, however, apply to the Italian cardinals, who naturally are well acquainted with each other and who with their numerical strength, could, if united, practically insure the election of their own candidate.

Prognostications as to who will wear next the tiara have little value, as even the cardinal seems to be without definite ideas as to the issue.

More interesting, perhaps, is the impression that no matter what the verdict of the conclave may be, great changes are impending in the policy of the Vatican.

Shortly after 4 the cardinals began to appear on St. Peter's piazza, where a large crowd waited interestedly and raised their hats as the princes of the church passed into the rear entrance of the Vatican.

With each cardinal were the conclavists and servants who will attend his wants during the concclave.

Cardinals Cheered by Crowd.

At the Vatican doors the Swiss guards kept back the curious crowd, among whom were many photographers.

Photographers vigorously snapped the occupants of the black carriages as they entered to what one cardinal called prison.

About 4:40 the carriages drove up in rapid succession until there was a long line of vehicles waiting.

The cardinals who were known by the people, such as Gotti, Vannutelli, Agliardi, and others, received cordial greetings from the spectators.

In the colonnade of St. Peter's several hundred soldiers were drawn up, the handful ofgendarmes present being more than required to control the outside arrangements.

Exactly at 5:30 the official entrance into the concclave occurred, and at this hour they are settled in their new quarters.

It is understood, each of the princes of the church has finally decided shall be for as short a time as possible, as undoubtedly the discomfort will be great.

At 5:50, however, all the cardinals had been assembled, and two and two, moved in procession to the Sistine chapel, preceded by a cross which was held aloft by a minor priest.

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