

A.W. MACHEN IS PINCHED

Charged With Receiving Bribe of \$20,000

HEARING FIFTH OF JUNE

"My Arrest Merely Grand Stand Play"

COME OUT ALL RIGHT

May be Given Full Preliminary Hearing

Washington, May 27.—By far the most sensational development of the post office investigation up to this time occurred today, when Augustus W. Machen, the general superintendent of the first delivery service, was arrested on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors, charging him with having received "take-offs" from contractors made with the local firm of Gott Brothers for a patent postal box fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving \$18,000.75 since August 8, 1900. It is alleged at the department, however, that Machen obtained the contracts, it being charged that he profited by them for several years prior to the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody the postmaster general issued an order removing him from office. He had been practically under suspicion for a fortnight pending investigation into the general superintendent of the first delivery service. The discovery of Machen's alleged infidelity in the contracts was made quite accidentally by the inspectors some three weeks ago and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. Last night, after the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was notified to appear at the department this morning. He did so and was subjected to a "swearing" process by the inspectors and General Bidston, for three hours, but no admissions that he had profited by the contracts could be secured from him. He declined to answer many questions on the ground that they related to his private business, but insisted to the end that he had not received a cent improperly.

Nevertheless he was arrested on the warrant which had been prepared and taken before a United States commissioner, where his attorneys immediately demanded a full hearing. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, however, was not ready to proceed with the case, and the hearing was set for June 5. Mr. Machen gave \$20,000 bond, furnished by a Philadelphia bonding company, for his appearance, declined to accept the proffer of friends to go on his bond to a "swearing" at the department office.

The department officials declare their evidence is conclusive. By the deputy marshal directly to the office of United States Commissioner Taylor. He communicated with his attorneys, Douglas & Douglas, and in a few minutes Charles A. Douglas, senior member of the firm, arrived at the commissioner's office. Mr. Douglas demanded an immediate hearing. Assistant District Attorney Hugh Taggart, who is conducting the case for the government, replied that he was not ready, and asked a postponement for ten days. Commissioner Taylor thereupon fixed Friday, June 5, for the hearing and after a brief discussion Commissioner Taylor granted the request of Mr. Machen to look after his interests in connection with the investigation of affairs at the postoffice department. I am therefore confident that at the proper time we shall be able to show in the most conclusive way that not only has Mr. Machen been guilty of no wrong in connection with the department's transaction with Gott Bros., but that his administration of the affairs of the first delivery system has been characterized by uprightness, integrity and ability.

"I have not determined yet whether a full preliminary hearing on Friday, June 5, will be insisted upon, or whether examination will be waived and bond given for trial before the supreme court of the District of Columbia. The probabilities are, however, that a full preliminary hearing will be demanded."

The warrant was drawn by Assistant United States District Attorney Taggart on a sworn statement made today by Walter S. Mayor, a postoffice inspector in the Chicago district. Inspector Mayor alleges the receipt by Machen of several specified bills aggregating \$18,000.75 in connection with the purchase for the use of the department of letter fasteners.

According to statements to postoffice department officials, there was a "go-between" for the alleged transactions in connection with the contract. The identity of this person is withheld and the officials refuse to say what steps, if any, have been taken looking to his apprehension. It is stated that he does not reside in Washington and is neither there at present.

Postmaster General Payne was asked tonight for the name of this man, but declined to discuss the subject, adding that he knew nothing about it. Inspectors, however, it is stated, know the identity and movements of the intermediary. He may be arrested at any time. The inspectors say the evidence they have is

of the most comprehensive nature. It includes many drafts of an incriminating character, bearing the signature of Mr. Machen. The evidence was worked up principally in Washington, though much of it was obtained in other parts of the country.

The arrest created a profound sensation at the postoffice department. The news spread rapidly and within a few minutes after the arrest the fact was known generally. Postmaster General Payne lost no time in communicating the news to the public, summoning the newspaper men and saying:

"Mr. Machen is now under arrest in this building. He has received a large sum of money from the contractors who supply the government with certain articles. The amount he is charged with receiving is over \$20,000. The department will make a statement later in the day, as soon as it can be prepared."

Subsequently the postmaster general made the following supplementary announcement:

"I suppose everybody knows what occurred here today. There is no more to be said except that civil suit will be instituted to recover the amount which Mr. Machen is charged with taking. This is supposed to be about \$20,000. An order has been issued for the arrest of Oliver B. Gott and Samuel A. Gott, the parties from whom the box fasteners were purchased. The department has no doubt whatever of the sufficiency of the evidence. The management of his case and the securing of the evidence was very creditable to the fourth assistant postmaster general and his subordinates in charge of this particular branch of the investigation. It was as skillfully handled as any case with which I ever had any experience. They are deserving of special commendation."

The postmaster general said that the conclusion that there was a sufficient proof of guilt, proof that would stand the test, was reached at 3 a. m. today. The matter of arresting Mr. Machen had been submitted to him (Payne) for final action. The character of the evidence, he said, might be indicated by the fact that such a serious step would not be taken without evidence of the most conclusive character.

KENTUCKY GRAND JURY LOOKING INTO ASSASSINATION CASES.

Jackson Practically Under Martial Law Now.

Jackson, Ky., May 27.—The special grand jury this afternoon began its investigation of the assassination of City Marshal James Cockrell here last July. As in the March case, the assassin was stationed in the court house, shooting Cockrell as he came to the window of the court house window as Cockrell stood in the street. It was immediately after this that men in sympathy with Cockrell's brothers had to flee the country for safety. Among them was Captain John Patrick, who in a letter to Judge Redwine afterward said that he and others saw the assassin and would come back and testify if troops were sent to protect them. The knowledge that he possessed put a price on his life. Judge Redwine declined to ask for troops, and had an attachment issued for Patrick, who to escape going back to what he considered certain death, has since lived in seclusion. It is said he will appear tomorrow to testify and with others, will name the assassin. The assassination of Dr. Cox, uncle of the Cockrells, will be taken up next.

It seems certain now that to avoid a mistrial of Curtis Jett and To White, accused of the assassination of J. J. Marshall, it will not be entered into until next week, when the regular term begins. The special term ends Saturday.

Separate trials will likely be asked for the men. In the court room today when the cases were called and by agreement continued until tomorrow, Jett and White were guarded by twenty soldiers. Judge Redwine issued an order that every one who enters the court room be searched for weapons. He also gave Colonel Williams authority to make arrests for disorderly conduct or misdemeanor, which makes martial law in Jackson practically absolute.

TOOK OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.

Contractor of Lake Charles, La., Was Caught in Santa Barbara, Cal.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 27.—J. P. Clark, who was for several years a building contractor at Lake Charles, La., was arrested in this city today on a charge of having absconded with a large sum of money belonging to his patrons. Clark arrived in Santa Barbara two weeks ago, having traveled to the Pacific coast accompanied by his wife and daughter under assumed names. He immediately entered into the contracting business. He will be taken back to Louisiana at once.

HAS MODIFIED ORDER.

For Thirty Days Cattle Approved by Sheriff Will Not Have to Be Dipped.

Topeka, Kan., May 27.—Governor Bailey this afternoon modified the cattle dipping order made last week by the state livestock sanitary board for the suppression of Texas tick. For thirty days cattle in which they are held will not have to be dipped. This is an extension of time sufficient to allow the cattlemen to prepare dipping vats.

FOUR MEN DROWNED

In Arkansas River at Tamaha, I. T.—Boat Overturned.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 27.—Four men were drowned in the Arkansas river at Tamaha, I. T. The dead—Henry Field, Will Ferrell, Walter Parker, D. R. Crais. Field was the small contractor and Ferrell the carrier. They were attempting to take the mails across the swollen stream when the boat overturned.

MURDERER WAS HUNG.

Mob at Newcastle, Wyo., Lined Confessed Murderer to a Bridge.

Denver, Colo., May 27.—A special to the Post from Newcastle, Wyo., says: W. C. Clifton, murderer of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Church, was lynched by a mob from Gillette last night. The mob battered down the jail door, holding up the sheriff and deputy while and hung Clifton to a bridge west of town. Clifton's head was cut off by the fall of forty feet.

Old Burglar Killed.

New York, May 27.—James Brady, noted bank burglar of thirty years ago, the pal of Johnny Hope, big Frank McCoy, and the greatest criminal of the day, was killed today on the New York Central tracks near New Rochelle by a passing express. Seventy-eight years old, infirm by long illness and discharged but a few days before from the West Chester poorhouse, in which he had passed the winter, Brady was moodily pacing the track, his back toward the approaching train.

An Agreement Signed.

St. Louis, May 27.—An agreement was reached with the striking fruit handlers and warehouse men at Cripple's station today and work will be resumed at once. The railway freight handlers, who went out in sympathy, will also resume work. The agreement was signed by officers of the union and a committee representing the employers.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

And Administration Endorsed by Republicans

IN STATE CONVENTION

Pennsylvania Adopts Second Term Plank

PLEDGE UNITED SUPPORT

Senator Quay Declined to Accept Chairmanship

Harrisburg, Pa., May 27.—The Republican state convention today endorsed President Roosevelt for re-nomination and declared against any change in the present tariff schedules. The state administration was strongly endorsed, and no mention was made in the platform of the Grand-Status bill enacted by the recent legislature. Senator Quay declined to accept re-election as chairman of the state committee and his colleague was chosen his successor. The convention was remarkable for the unanimity with which it disposed of its business and the lack of contest for the four places on the state ticket.

Senator W. P. Snyder of Chester county was nominated for auditor general; William L. Matthews of Delaware county for state treasurer and Judge Thomas A. Morrison of McKean county and J. J. Henderson of Crawford county for superior court judges. Judges Morrison and Henderson are at present members of the superior court by appointment of the governor and their nomination is for the full term of ten years.

The convention was held much earlier than usual on off years on account of the desire of Senator Quay and other party leaders to be away during the summer. Mr. Quay was not here during the convention and his interests were in charge of Senator Furness and other lieutenants. Henry F. Walton of Philadelphia, speaker of the house of representatives, was permanent chairman of the convention and Chairman H. Bingham of Philadelphia was chairman of the resolution committee.

The plank in the platform endorsing President Roosevelt for a second term follows:

"We commend and approve the administration of President Roosevelt, who, with great ability, fidelity and vigor, has enforced the policies of his lamented predecessor, William McKinley, and of the Republican party. We favor his nomination and election to the presidency in 1904 and pledge the united support of the Republicans of Pennsylvania."

The platform also contains a plank favoring "home rule for and the early admission to statehood of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma."

WANT EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Committee of Union Men Call Upon Governor of Colorado.

Denver, May 27.—Committees from the members of the Western Federation of Miners and the American Labor Union called on Governor Peabody today and urged him to include in his call for an extra session of the legislature, should he issue one, provision for the consideration of an eight-hour law. The governor promised to take the matter under consideration, but expressed doubt of the ability of the friends of labor to secure such a law.

The sessions of the two conventions today were chiefly devoted to the presentation of the annual addresses of the presidents. The principal recommendation of President Meyer of the miners' organization was that the conventions be called biennially instead of annually.

President McDonald of the American Labor Union recommended some minor changes in the by-laws and urged the importance of extending the organization.

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Arrived in Salt Lake.

Salt Lake City, May 27.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has arrived in Salt Lake City. He will join President Roosevelt and party on their arrival here Friday and expects to accompany them on their eastward journey.

BULLETIN OF THE WICHITA DAILY EAGLE.

Wichita, Thursday, May 28, 1903

Mrs. Church had then threatened him with a six-shooter demanding the return of the papers. He shot her, he admitted, and then being attacked by her husband, killed him also. This story was discredited as Mrs. Church was a slender little woman only 22 years of age.

Church was formerly a stenographer in the Union Pacific office in Omaha. His family and Clifton's reside in Council Bluffs. About a year ago Church and Clifton made an agreement to go into the cattle business in Wyoming together and Clifton then took up a homestead adjoining Clifton's. Clifton was 21 years of age.

When the body of Clifton was removed from under the bridge today, the following message was found pinned to his clothing:

"We think the law too slow in hanging this most cold-blooded murderer, who took the lives of our dear friends and neighbors, and we take it upon ourselves to revenge in behalf of the innocent. Hoping that the action on our part will meet the approval of the community at large, we remain, 'THE MOB.'"

HIGH WINDS IN OHIO.

Attended by Unusually Heavy Rain and Hail—Much Damage.

Cleveland, May 27.—High winds, blowing from forty to fifty miles an hour, attended by unusually heavy rains and hail, have blown down telephone and telegraph wires and done considerable other damage at various points in northern Ohio today. There were reports of tornadoes but nothing more serious than a heavy straight wind could be located.

Columbus, O., May 27.—Reports of tornadoes in northern Ohio were current here today. Information by telegraph and telephone shows that the storm swept from north of Dayton northeast to the lake region. Great damage is reported by wind through the oil fields. Hallatons an inch in diameter, broke hundreds of windows, but no more serious damage is reported at this time. Wires are reported down northwest of a line from Dayton to Sandusky and communication is cut off. No loss of life has been reported.

OLD RAILROADER DEAD.

Had Been With Santa Fe Continuously for Thirty Years.

Topeka, Kan., May 27.—Isaac Streight Lauek, auditor of disbursements of the Santa Fe, who died this morning in Chicago, entered railway service in 1870, as station freight clerk for the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad at St. Joseph. He was in this position 27 years. In 1879 he took a position as station clerk and auditor of the Santa Fe at Atchison. In 1881 he came to Topeka and took a position as clerk in the auditor's office. In 1890 he was made chief clerk in the auditor's office and in June, 1899, was made auditor of disbursements. He has been with the Santa Fe continuously for thirty years.

FAMILY IS PROMINENT.

Father of Chas. Hurd, Prisoner Who Was Killed, Santa Fe Attorney.

Santa Fe, Cal., May 27.—The body of Private Charles A. Hurd, the son of A. A. Hurd, general attorney for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company, who was shot and killed by Private Chew, at Fort Mason, on Monday afternoon, was interred at the National cemetery at the Presidio today. Private Chew will probably be tried by court martial, or at least by a court of inquiry.

Goes to State Prison.

New York, May 27.—George Edward Mills was sentenced today to not less than five years and not more than ten years and six months in the state prison. Mills, who is the law partner of Jewel Flower, son of Dr. R. C. Flower, was convicted of attempting to buy public records.

Were Appointed Ministers.

Panama, May 27.—The governor of Panama today received a dispatch from Bogota, informing him that Josephito and Nicaron Insigures have been appointed respectively ministers of state and public instruction in succession to Senors Fernandez and Casis.

Elected Governor Again.

El Paso, Tex., May 27.—For the fifth time, but not consecutively, General Luis Terrazas, statesman and hero of Mexico's fight for independence and the richest man in the republic, was inaugurated governor of Chihuahua today.

Two Crushed to Death.

Anacosta, Mont., May 27.—An engine and four cars on the Airline at the new works of the Anacosta Copper company, jumped the track this morning and two of the crew, John O'Mara and John Logan were crushed to death.

Left Five Million Dollars.

New York, May 27.—The will of the late George Williams, of the Chemical National bank, disposed of an estate of \$5,000,000. The bulk of the money is bequeathed to benevolent and religious organizations, and the residue to the widow and only child, Mrs. Clara F. Keith.

Supreme Court of Honor.

Will Hold Next National Convention in Detroit—Revised Constitution. Kansas City, May 27.—The Supreme Court of Honor today voted to hold the next national convention of the order three years hence at Detroit.

Most of the session today was devoted to revising the constitution. It was decided to make the same due on certificates "payable" instead of "paid," an objection to payment, if any, may be fought in court. Certificates were authorized of issue to brakemen, conductors, engineers and firemen, heretofore prohibited, on consideration of 25 per cent additional rate. The occupations of drivers in race, sadden and switchmen were made prohibitive. It was decided that all local courts should eliminate the office of treasurer, whose duties shall hereafter devolve upon the recorder.

PROTEST AGAINST MASSACRE.

Mr. Cleveland Speaks of Mob Violence in Our Own Country. New York, May 27.—There was a great and representative gathering at Carnegie hall tonight, called to protest against the massacre of the Hebrews at Kishineff, Roumania. The announcement that former President Cleveland would speak afforded additional interest to the gathering. While Mayor Low was delivering the opening address, expressive of the hope that Russia would give more liberty to her Jewish subjects, Mr. Cleveland entered and was greeted with a tumult of cheers.

Wm. H. Baldwin, Jr., read letters and telegrams sympathizing with the objects of the meeting from Lyman Abbott, John F. Dillon, Carl Schurz, Senator Thomas C. Platt, and Wm. D. Howells. Mr. Baldwin also read the resolutions, which denounced the massacre, urged the claim of the Jews in Russia to just treatment, and protection, and declared that the people of the United States should exercise such influence with the government of Russia as the ancient and unbroken friendship between the two nations may justify, to see the spirit of persecution to redress the injuries inflicted upon the Jews of Kishineff, and to prevent the recurrence of outbreaks such as have amazed the civilized world." Mr. Cleveland said:

IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY.

1. A. Wachen is Pinched. Roosevelt Endorsed by Republican Company to Reorganize Roosevelt in Montana.

COMPANY TO REORGANIZE

Plan of United States Shipbuilding Company

WERE MADE PUBLIC

Yesterday—Forty-Three Million Dollar Capital

CHAS. M. SCHWAB IS IT

Plans Approved by Holders of Securities

New York, May 27.—The plan for the reorganization of the United States Shipbuilding company was made public today. It has been prepared and will be carried out by a committee consisting of George R. Sheldon, chairman; Charles S. Fairchild, president of the New York Security and Trust company; John E. Borne, president of the Colonial Trust company; Max Pam and Charles W. Wetmore, president of the North American company. The counsel are Sullivan & Cromwell, and Pam, Calhoun & Glennon. Walter W. Lee, 35 Wall street, is secretary of the committee. The securities affected by the reorganization are to be deposited with the City Trust company, of New York.

The plan provides for the organization of a company with the title of Bethlehem Steel and Shipbuilding company. The properties to be taken over are: Union Iron Works, San Francisco; Bath Iron Works Limited, Bath, Me.; Hyde Windlass company, Bath, Me.; Crescent Ship Yard company, Elizabethport, N. C.; Canada Manufacturing Co., Carteret, N. J.; Samuel L. Moore & Sons, company, Elizabethport, N. J.; East Shipbuilding company, New London, Conn.; Harlan & Helwegworth company, Wilmington, Del.; also all of the capital stock (except directors qualification shares) of the Bethlehem Steel company, owning the Bethlehem Steel Works.

The total capitalization of the new company will be \$47,500,000 and its fixed charges will be \$37,500,000 for interest on the underlying bonds of the Bethlehem Iron and Bethlehem Steel companies and \$10,000,000 on the first mortgage bonds of the new company, a total of \$11,750,000.

To secure continuity in the management of the new corporation it is proposed to create a voting trust for a period of seven years. The initiative voting trustees will be Chas. M. Schwab, George R. Sheldon, Max Pam, Chas. W. Wetmore, and James H. Reed, of Pittsburg.

The plan has already been approved by the shareholders of large amounts of the various securities.

MORE VIOLENT STORMS.

Northwestern Ohio Visited—Damage in Toledo Amounts to \$100,000.

Toledo, O., May 27.—Northwestern Ohio was visited by a violent storm this afternoon. The damage done in Toledo is estimated at \$100,000, while reports from all portions of northwestern Ohio indicate that great damage was done throughout the country and especially in the counties of Wayne, Hancock and Sandusky.

Three men were seriously injured. R. G. Manning, superintendent of the drafting department of the American Bridge company, was struck in the back by a plank blown from a bridge.

Lynn Mullen and Newton Twenty were injured internally. The most severe damage was done at the plant of the Columbus Brick company, which had just been completed at an expense of \$150,000. The plant was totally demolished.

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"Every American humane sentiment has been shocked by the late attack on

the Jews in Russia, an attack murderous, atrocious and in every way, revolting. As members of the family of mankind, and as citizens of a free country, we are here to give voice to the feeling that should stir every true man worthy of the name. There is something intensely horrible in the wholesale murder of defenseless men, women and children, who have been tacitly, if not expressly assured of safety under the protection of a professedly civilized government.

I know how easily our indignation prompts us to the use of coarse language, and I know how nearly we are tempted to indulge in overdrawn statements and extravagant demands on such occasions as this; and I am sure in our characterization of the crimes we here contemplate and in expressing our detestation of the criminals, we cannot go too far. I desire to avoid a discordant note, but yet I cannot refrain from the suggestion that the moral effect of our protest and the usefulness of this demonstration will not be lessened if we require indubitable proof before we accuse the government of Russia with guilty complicity in the crime committed within her borders, and it seems to me we may well consider the proper relationship between nations before we demand too pronounced interference on the part of our own government.

I do not say that the government of Russia may not by sine of omission or commission, be justly deserving of our condemnation; but we should not be swift to assume this, when we remember that we ourselves have found it impossible to prevent mob violence and murderous assaults on Chinese in Wyoming and on Italians in Louisiana."

PERJURY IS CHARGED. E. E. Wade, Flammé Colorado Springs Out of \$20,000.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 27.—E. E. Wade, who promoted the deal whereby the city of Colorado Springs purchased the Seven Lakes water district for \$60,000, was arrested today on an indictment returned by the late grand jury, charging him with perjury. It is alleged that Wade testified before the grand jury that he paid \$20,000 to the trustees of the property and received \$50,000 for himself, whereas in reality the owners received only \$40,000. Wade was released on \$500 bond.

COLLISION

ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY IN ALABAMA KILLS EIGHT.

Wreck Caught Fire and Twelve Loaded Cars Are Burned. Birmingham, Ala., May 27.—A disastrous head-on collision between the Irons, westward early this morning, near Bryan, twenty-eight miles west of Birmingham, resulted in the death of three engineers, four firemen and one brakeman, the destruction by fire of twelve loaded freight cars and eight empty cars and great damage to the colliding engines.

The dead—Henry Adams, engineer, I. C. Chester, engineer, Sam Johnson, engineer, Roland Madison, colored fireman; Otto Wood, fireman; David Ingram, colored fireman; Bob Hancock, fireman; J. A. Hill, colored brakeman.

IS THIS A FEUD?

One Man Assassinated, Another Shot in the Arm—No Arrests.

Redding, Cal., May 27.—While walking along a road today near Twin Valley, William Morgan was shot from behind and killed. Almost immediately John Hayball, a neighbor of Morgan's, was seen to cross the road with a smoking rifle in his hands. He has not yet been apprehended.

John Whitmore was mysteriously shot along a road today working on his farm last Sunday, and straddled in the neck by a stray bullet from some hunter's gun. He now believes that he escaped assassination at the hands of Hayball. So far as is known there had been no trouble between any of the persons named and Hayball.

WILL RETURN TO WORK.

All Boilermakers on Union Pacific System Will Return Today.

Omaha, May 27.—The Union Pacific strike that has been on at all of the shops of the system was declared off tonight and tomorrow morning all of the boilermakers will return to work under the terms of the settlement agreed upon at New York last week. There was a slight hitch yesterday in the proceedings, but after a meeting of the boilermakers it was discovered that the terms of the settlement were misunderstood. The matters of difference were cleared away and then the strike was declared off and word sent to the shops of the system outside of Omaha.

DENIED PETITION.

Court Affirmed Decision in Case of Walter N. Dimmock.

San Francisco, May 27.—The United States circuit court of appeals today denied the petition for a rehearing in the case of Walter N. Dimmock, now serving a sentence in San Quentin penitentiary for appropriating money from the United States mint in this city. The court holds that there was no error in the judgment of the district court and affirms the decision of the lower court.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Los Angeles, May 27.—I. H. McCollum, an officer of the Presbyterian church and commissioner to the general assembly from the Lakeside presbytery, Minn., was stricken with partial paralysis today at his temporary quarters in Highland park. He was at once removed to the California hospital. Dr. McCollum is 64 years old. His condition is serious.

Major Ezra B. Kirk Dies.

Toledo, O., May 27.—Major Ezra B. Kirk, U. S. A., retired, is dead at his home here. The deceased served throughout the Civil war and had a brilliant record in the regular army. After the war he entered actively into civic life, and was president of the council under the first part of this month.

Sail for America Tomorrow.

Greenock, May 27.—Thames Line's Lapwing sailed left for Greenock today preparatory to sailing for America tomorrow. Large crowds gathered to bid the crew farewell and good wishes were signalled from the ships in the harbor.

Africander Wins Belmont Stakes.

New York, May 27.—Africander, in the colors of the Hamilton stable, won the Belmont stakes at Morris park today. Tomorrow racing will begin at Gravesend, with the Brooklyn handicap as the feature.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, May 27.—Forecast: Kansas—Showers Thursday and in east portion Friday. Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Clear and not so warm Thursday; Friday fair.