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Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Investigation in the Postoffice Department becomes more comprehensive day by day. It is now learned that practically all the books of the auditor are in the hands of Fourth Assistant Bristow, and that every transaction of the past few years relating to disbursements in the free delivery service, the division of salaries and allowances and for railway mail transportation, is being closely scrutinized. Heretofore the department inspectors have devoted their attention primarily to a rigid examination of conditions in the bureau formerly in charge of August W. Machen and George W. Beavers, the inquiry into the dealings of the law branch of the department with "get rich quick" concerns and the disclosure in the Washington city postoffice, showing innumerable violations of the civil service laws being merely incidental to the general investigation.

It now develops that the railway mail division will be as closely inquired into as other branches of the service and further that the office of the third assistant postmaster general will be overhauled by the inspectors. As far as can be learned, no charges have been filed against Mr. Shallenberger, the second assistant, or Mr. Madden, the third assistant, or any of the officials under them, but it is the purpose of Postmaster General Payne to make the investigation so sweeping as to obviate the possibility of any bribe being hereafter that anything has been left undone. If the officials were so incited it is generally recognized that the possibility for "graft" in the railway mail service are limitless and it is also pointed out that with such "entireties" as Bristow has been given large sums could be made in the division having jurisdiction over second class mail matter. For this reason the inspectors will be extended to the bureau of the second and third assistants.

In connection with the examination of the books of Auditor Castle it is learned that another question about the transactions of Mr. Beavers, former chief of salaries and allowances, has been discovered. A few years ago Mr. Beavers was detailed to make an examination into claims of letter carriers for overtime. It appears that he demanded and was paid per diem for his work in addition to his regular salary of \$2,500 a year. He thus drew double pay from the government and his conduct has been known why his vouchers for the per diem were passed by the auditor. It is understood that other allowances have been paid them of a minor nature, appear to have taken place in the auditor's office.

Notwithstanding the fact that in other directions a great deal of interest is manifested in the operations of the inspectors on the division of salaries and allowances, Mr. Beavers handled about \$30,000,000 a year. He had unlimited authority in making contracts. He lived like a lord, and as soon as the word was passed that inspectors would scrutinize his accounts he resigned.

It was announced yesterday that the Postoffice Department has given formal notification to a number of contractors who have for years been furnishing a line of standard postal supplies that it may take advantage of the clause in these contracts which permits the department to cancel them at the close of the fiscal year. The fiscal year ends with the last day of the present month. This step was taken as a precautionary one. The investigation of the division of salaries and allowances has to do directly with supply contracts. Under the circumstances the postmaster general wishes to be in position to terminate these contracts, or any one of them, if irregularities or any other good reason for such action develop.

It is reported that the federal grand jury will bring in five indictments on Monday against persons involved in the postal scandal. Every effort has been made to keep the public in ignorance of the action to be taken until the papers were ready for presentation, but it is learned that the jury has voted to return indictments against August W. Machen, Diller E. Groff, Samuel A. Groff, George E. Lorenz and Mrs. Lorenz, the two latter being residents of Toledo, O. The specific charges against the persons named, it is understood, will be conspiracy to defraud the government. Rumors have been current for several days that new indictments would be returned against Machen and the Groff brothers, but it was not expected that action would be taken so soon. The sensational feature in this case is the connection of Mrs. Lorenz's name with the transactions, which led to the arrest of Machen and the Groffs. It has been intimated that the go-between in the scandal over the sale of the Groff letter-box fastener to the Postoffice Department was Mrs. Lorenz. She acted in that capacity is not known.

A serious condition of affairs has arisen as a result of the friction between the officials in charge of the postal investigation and Assistant District Attorney Hugh Taggart, who has charge of the legal phase of the matter in Washington. Postoffice Department officials are much concerned, and claim that the progress of the inquiry has been hampered by Mr. Taggart's dilatory and entirely unsatisfactory methods and the success of some of their most important plans endangered. The situation is considered so serious that President Roosevelt has sent to Washington, Assistant Attorney General Beach, Assistant District Attorney Taggart and Assistant Attorney General Root. While no details are obtainable as to what took place at the conference, it was learned to-night, on high authority, that the President expressed to Mr. Taggart the absolute necessity of changing his course if he wished to continue in office. It was learned at the Postoffice Department this afternoon that nearly two weeks ago the federal grand jury returned indictments against two men whose names have been

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requently mentioned in connection with the postal scandal, although the officials in charge of the investigation desired to immediately issue warrants on the indictments. Mr. Taggart has held up these indictments. Nothing was necessary to make the indictment final, but the delay is possible the issuance of warrants save the signature of the foreman of the grand jury. Today, however, Mr. Taggart adjourned the federal body until next Monday without having secured the signatures, and this despite the urgent appeals of the postmaster general and other high officials of the department.

Charges against Charles Hedges, superintendent of the city delivery service, alleging that he has pressed claims before congressional committees, solicited employees in the service to take stock in mining companies and other allegations, are under investigation by the inspectors of the Postoffice Department. The charges were presented to Postmaster General Payne and referred to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. The allegation that Mr. Hedges went to the Capitol during the last session of Congress and urged the passage of a claim then pending was made at that time. Mr. Hedges was immediately called on for a statement which he refused to make. He was then referred to the postmaster general. The charge relating to the sale of stock refers to a gold mining company, of which Mr. Hedges is said to be president. The charge is that stock of this company was sold to postmasters while Hedges was in charge of the entire city-branch of the free delivery system and that a list of companies was given to private secretaries of representatives in Congress.

The postmaster general to-day designated Edward W. Kimball, the chief of the money order system, to act temporarily as superintendent, to succeed James T. Metcalf, who was removed yesterday on a charge of indiscretion in contract matters. Mr. Payne to-day received the following letter from Mr. Metcalf asking a suspension of the order of dismissal until his complete defense may be heard:

"I cannot but feel under ordinary circumstances such summary action as has been taken is unjust."

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MAN AND HORSES KILLED

ILLINOIS CENTRAL TRAIN RUN INTO BY A BIG FOUR TRAIN.

J. L. Dodge Crushed to Death and Thirteen Trotters So Badly Maimed They Must Be Shot.

ST. LOUIS, June 18.—Shortly before midnight an east-bound Big Four passenger train ran into the rear end of an Illinois Central train which was standing in the approach of the Illinois side of the Eads bridge. J. L. Dodge, of Dallas, Tex., who was in charge of an express car loaded with race horses, was instantly killed. The express car was attached to the rear of the Illinois Central train and the train was splintered and the trotters so badly maimed that they will have to be killed. Rebins, with a record of 2:30, was killed outright.

PEONAGE IN ALABAMA

JUDGE EMORY SPEER'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GRAND JURY.

Attention Called to the Case of a Man Who Was Whipped and Practically Held in Servitude.

MACON, Ga., June 18.—In the United States court to-day Judge Emory Speer, in his charge to the federal grand jury, sprung a surprise. He called attention to the fact that it had been charged that a system of peonage existed in certain parts of the southern district of Georgia. He quoted Article 1, Paragraph 21, Constitution of Georgia, which provides "There shall be no imprisonment for debt," and that the Constitution of the United States provides that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States or any place subject to this jurisdiction. He called the attention of the jury to a case presented to him, where an employe left an employer and engaged with another, and the fact that it had been charged that the man was held in servitude, and he found the statement true. It was his duty to return an indictment against the guilty party.

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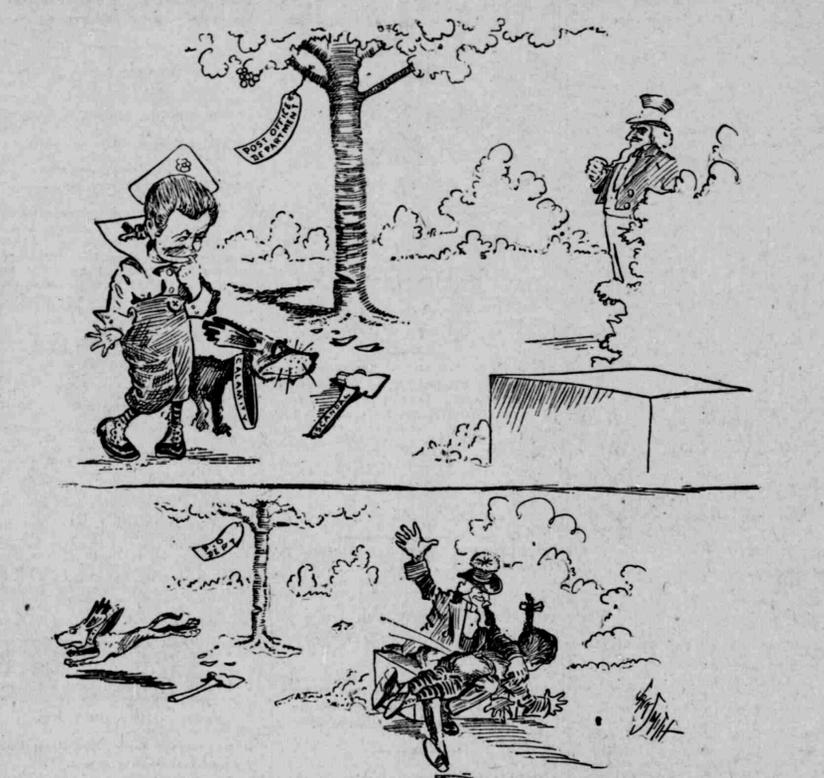
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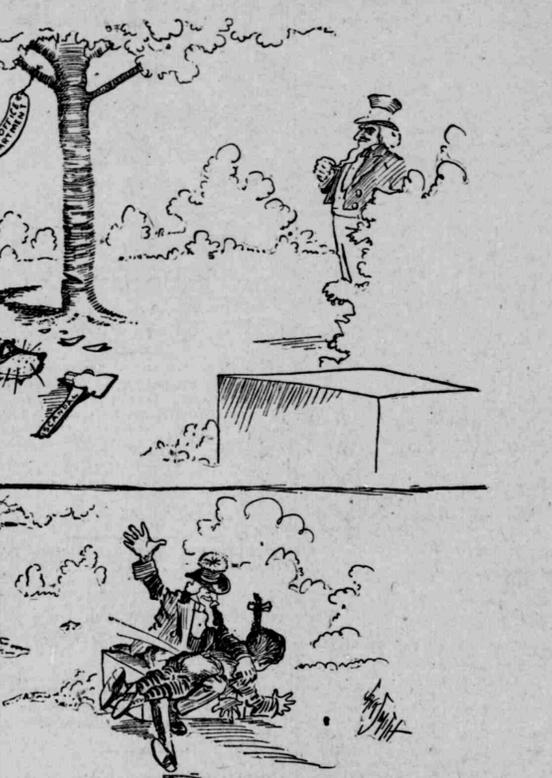
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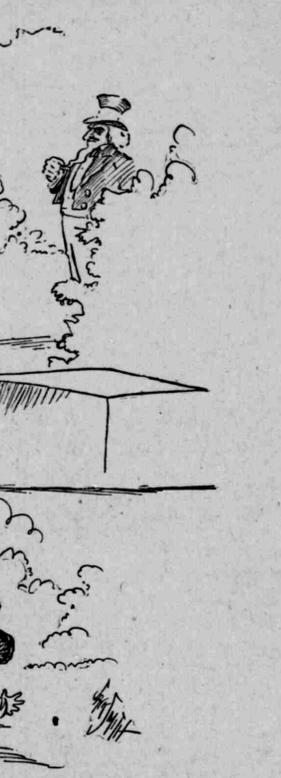
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GREAT PARADE OF WOODMEN

The Thousands of Men in Line Attract People from All Quarters of the City.

TO-DAY'S CONVENTION. Morning-Convention session Head Camp at Tomlinson Hall to consider rate readjustment. 2:30 p. m.—Convention session Head Camp at Tomlinson Hall to select place to hold 1905 convention; fixing the per capita tax for ensuing year; hearing of reports. 7:30 p. m.—Convention session Head Camp at Tomlinson Hall to consider law committee's report.

HOSPITALITY HELD THEM. Police Arrived and Joseph Morris Recovered His Revolver. John Stackey, 622 North Capitol avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Bicyclemen Morgan and Simon on a charge of petit larceny. Stackey and a man by the name of Hayes went to the residence of Joseph Morris, an agent of a Chicago picture-enlarging house, and applied for positions. In the course of the conversation Mr. Morris had occasion to open his trunk and show the men samples of the work done by his firm. His attention was attracted by the revolver which was lying in the trunk. Morris saw that the revolver was not his, but noticed the fact that the revolver was missing a moment later, and stepping to the door he called to the police. While the bicyclemen were on the road to the Morris residence the thief and his friend were seen to enter the house in a most royal manner, and their arrest was a complete surprise to them. The revolver was recovered.

HOOPER SEES HIS WIFE. SHE CALLED AT THE JAIL AT HIS PERSONAL REQUEST. Condemned Man's Wife Says She Did Not Ask Her to Forgive Him—May See Him Again.

For the first time since his arrest and incarceration in the county jail Edward Hoover, the condemned murderer of his father-in-law, was visited by his wife yesterday, and her visit was made at his request. Hoover asked Sheriff Metzger yesterday morning to telephone his wife and ask her if she would not come to the jail to see him for a few moments in the afternoon. He said he had something he wished to tell her before he was executed and wanted to ask her forgiveness for the crime he had committed. On being notified that her husband wished to see her Mrs. Hoover stated that while she had no desire to see the murderer of her father she would call at the jail during the afternoon, and if Hoover wished to be forgiven she would willingly do so and would try to make the few remaining days of his life a trifle brighter if it was in her power to do so. On arriving at the jail she was taken to the cell occupied by her husband and the two were left alone for several minutes. On being asked as to what conversation took place between them Mrs. Hoover said: "He didn't say very much and didn't ask me to forgive him, although I would have done so willingly had he only asked it. When I first stepped to the cell door he lunged his head for a minute and then asked me if I knew what he had done. I told him yes, and he said he was not sorry for all the sorrow he had caused me and my family, but he did not answer. No, he didn't seem to care very much, and I don't think he would care to see me. I said it was time for me to go home he asked me if I would come to see him again before they took him away, and I told him I might if he thought it would do him any good." Hoover is the second person that has called on Hoover since his arrest, and he has often said that he could not understand why his wife would visit him. He and his brothers did not make him a visit before the time came for him to be taken to Michigan City.

SOME BOLD ROBBERIES. CITY INFESTED WITH CROWD OF THUGS AND PICKPOCKETS. August Anderson Holds Man Who Tries to Rob Him—Numerous Cases of Thieving.

According to predictions of the police authorities the city is at present, on account of the crowds of visitors, overrun with thugs, toughs, pickpockets and robbers. Thirteen men were arrested as suspicious characters yesterday afternoon. One was arrested for being a pickpocket and was caught in the act of extracting a pocketbook from the pocket of a visiting Woodman. Pat Murray, New York, was arrested and charged with attempting to steal a pocketbook from the hand of Mrs. N. J. Hoffbauer, 126 Hill avenue. A number of cases of the boldest thieving in the history of the city were reported to the police yesterday and the detectives and patrolmen are doing double duty in order to better protect the interests of the public. Matthew McMahon, of Chicago, was arrested by Patrolman Bernauer yesterday charged with attempting to pick the pocket of August Anderson, of North Salem. Mr. Anderson, while walking along Washington street near Meridian, felt something tugging at his pocketbook which he carried in his hip pocket and turning quickly caught McMahon with his hand in his pocket. He grappled with the would-be thief and succeeded in holding him until the policeman arrived. Frank Rouse, of Acton, came to the city yesterday with a cartload of cattle yesterday morning and sold them to Harrell, Tibbs & Gish, taking their check for \$200, which he placed in his pocketbook with about \$19 in cash. While standing in front of the New York store during the parade yesterday afternoon his pocketbook was picked of the wallet containing his ready money and the check he had just received. All the banks in the city were notified not to honor the check if presented and the loss was reported at the police station. Mr. Rouse says he does not know at just what time the theft was committed, but remembers one occasion when he was jostled by a woman and at the same time given a shove by a man who was standing behind him. The police are inclined to think the woman was acting as a partner in crime for the man, who evidently did the stealing.

WATCHED BY MULTITUDE. DOWNTOWN STREETS OF THE CITY CROWDED IN AFTERNOON. Modern Woodmen of America Make Good Their Claim of a Big Turnout.

BUSINESS SESSION HELD. WOODMEN USE THEIR PREROGATIVES IN THE MORNING. Rate Readjustment Considered to Some Extent—Other Matters Before Convention.

The parade of the Modern Woodmen of Foresters yesterday afternoon was one of the interesting events of the week. It was estimated that there were 3,000 or 4,000 men in line. The marchers started about 3:15 o'clock and were about an hour in passing the grand stand on Washington street in front of the courthouse. The stand had been erected for the benefit of the delegates and their families, and no others were allowed to have seats there. No charge was made for seats. Long before the parade started the stand was filled with people. The city people came out in large crowds to see the Foresters march, and thousands of people were in from different parts of the State. Monument place was filled with people, and along the streets through which the parade passed there were big crowds. Although the parade was to start at 2 o'clock, it was almost three-quarters of an hour later before the first platoon of police that headed the column came in view. Meantime the people in the grand stand amused themselves in various ways. A balloon merchant came along with a great bunch of red and blue rubber balloons, and he did a thriving business. The delegates found amusement in buying balloons and allowing them to float away. Others in the crowd tossed pennies into the street, where a lot of colored lads scrambled for them.

COMING OF PARADE. "Here they come; here comes the parade," some one cried at length, and the crashing of brass bands fell on the ears of the crowd. The superintendent of police came first in his buggy, and the detachment of police, Edwin B. Pugh, grand marshal, on a fine black mount, was next in line with his staff. There were nearly a dozen bands in the line and a large drum and bugle corps from Toledo, O. The young girls' band from Wetmore, Kan., was roundly cheered when it came along. The young musicians wore red walking skirts and white caps and played first-class music. The weather was fine for marching, and the Foresters stepped along at a lively clip. They showed every indication of thorough training. Their brightly polished axes glistened in the sunlight, and most of the companies wore very clean and well-kept uniforms of trained soldiers. Some of the companies wore white uniforms, some blue, others green and some purple. A large local camp wore black trousers and white shirts. An amusing feature of the parade was a company from the city of Toledo, Ohio, which after the style of a prison garb and marching "lock-step" fashion. They carried a banner which read "Prisoners of War." One facetious Woodman rode an imitation