

PROMOTION SYNDICATE

How It Did Its Work Among the New York Postoffice Employees.

Over 1,000 Men Were 'Milked' on Promise of Doing Something for Them.

Postoffice Inspectors Are Busily Engaged in New York Getting the Facts.

New York, April 17.—Three postoffice inspectors from western divisions have been busily engaged in the federal building here examining employees regarding the alleged promotion syndicate.

What answers the men made cannot be learned. It is evident that all have been cautioned against making any statement.

While none of the postal officials will admit it, it is learned from a reliable authority that the method of the syndicate was as follows: One of two or three men in the general postoffice in this city would approach a clerk who was on the list recommended for promotion.

It was evident that the "syndicate" had access to the list as recommended by the postmaster and sent to the division of salaries and allowances, for a comparison is said to have been made between this list and that of men employed in the postoffice.

The amount paid to the agents is said to have been from \$50 to \$100 a man.

To keep the men from talking to one another about the scheme it is said the agents represented to the employes approached that his friend in Washington who "had the pull" could get one or two men on the list.

It is understood also that the list as recommended by the postmaster differed in many respects from that sent in by the postmaster.

Mr. Wynne's Easy Thing.

Chicago, April 17.—Walter Wellman in a Washington special to the Record-Herald says: The war of mud-throwing continues at the postoffice department.

Abner McKinley Intercedes.

Washington, April 17.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, today came to the rescue of A. W. Mochen, superintendent of free delivery.

U. S. WHEAT CROP 670,063,000 BU.

Department of Agriculture's Statement Shows a World's Crop of 3,124,422,000 Bu.

In the Distribution Europe Is Given as Having Used 1,798,963,000 Bushels.

Washington, April 17.—The department of agriculture has issued a comparative statement of the wheat crop of the world, showing that the total of 3,124,422,000 bushels in 1902 was distributed as follows:

North America 751,120,000 South America 75,984,000 Europe 1,798,963,000 Asia 376,428,000 Africa 48,000,000 Australia 43,927,000

The crop in the United States was 670,063,000.

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Sir Thomas Lipton Knocked Down a Hatchway but Not Badly Hurt.

One Man Drowned—But the Shamrock Will Be Ready for the Race.

Weymouth, Eng., April 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that he expects to be ready to fulfill his engagement of Sandy Hook, Aug. 20.

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Her mast, as it fell over the side, carried several of the crew and all the gear and canvas overboard.

One man was drowned and several persons, including Sir Thomas, who was knocked down a hatchway, were bruised or otherwise injured.

The yacht was manœuvring in the roadstead under mainsails, jibs, foresails and gaff topsails prior to the start.

A strong northeast breeze was blowing but it was not of the nature of a gale.

Before the start, Sir Thomas Lipton, who was the sailmaker and Colonel Sharran Crawford, vice-commander of the Royal Ulster Yacht club, boarded the challenger.

A Sudden Squall of Wind.

The Erin had taken up a position to send the boats away, round a triangular course, and as she seemed to promise a short run on the port tack dragging through a heavy squall with her lee decks awash.

At about 10:40 a. m., when nearly a mile off shore, she went about on the starboard tack to stand up to cross the line when a sudden gust of wind sweeping out from the south by struck the yacht and completely dismasted her.

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So sudden was the calamity that the yacht lay wrecked and helpless before those on board of her well realized what had happened.

Collier at the moment of the accident was handing a binocular glass to Sir Thomas Lipton and still had the glass in his hand when he was struck by some of the tumbling sea and knocked overboard.

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"BAD TRUSTS" GIVEN TIME

The Government Will Not Try to Hurry Them Into Getting Into Line.

But It Is Not Expected to Yield Any of the Advantage of the Securities Decision.

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New York, April 17.—Evidence accumulates that it is not the purpose of the government to proceed with a whoop on a crusade of trust busting.

This is good news to the street and tends to allay nervousness in that quarter lest the government tempestuously follow up its advantage and at once smash the anthracite coal trust.

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FLOUR MILLS CLOSE FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT

Minnesota Millers Prefer to Shut Down Their Plants Pending an Adjustment of Flour Rates.

Discrimination Against Flour in Favor of Wheat Reaches a Point Where the Millers Acted as a Unit in Stopping Their Production—A Lake Contract at 2 Cents a Bushel to Buffalo Precipitates the Action—Flour Margins Are Narrow at Best and Millers Preferred to Shut Down Till Conditions Changed.

Discrimination against the great Minneapolis milling industry on the part of the transportation companies has had its effect at last, and this morning all the flour mills in the city are idle.

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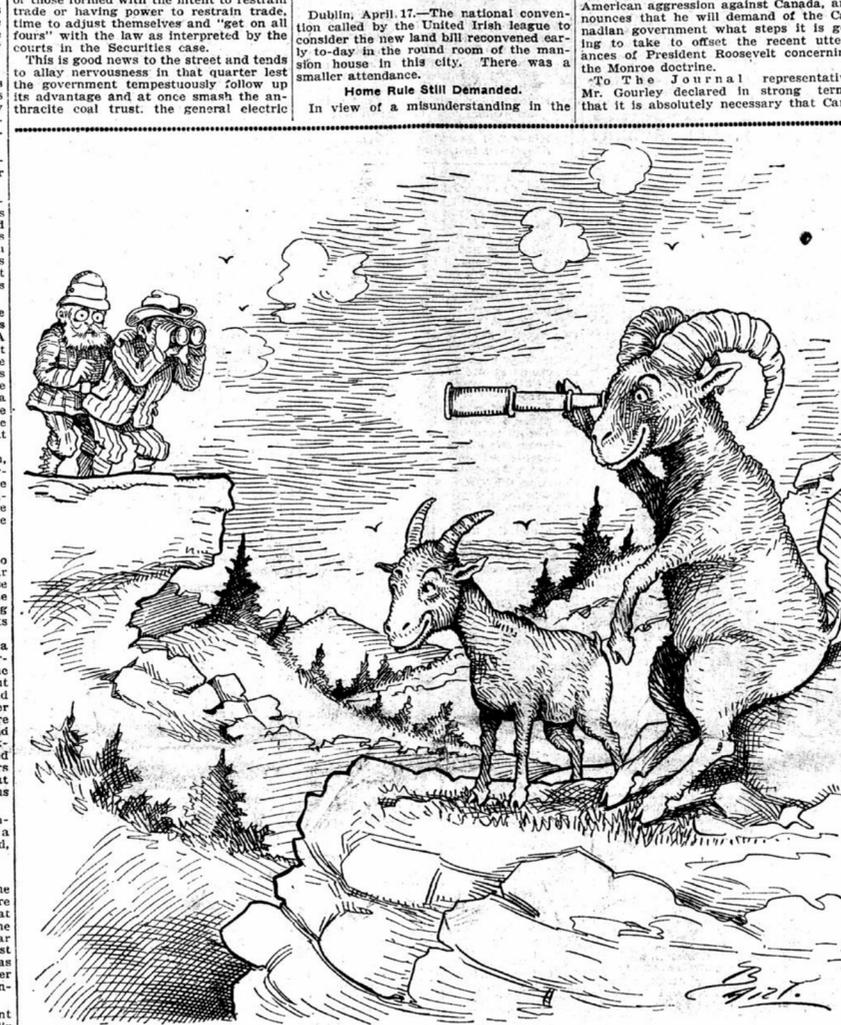
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OBSERVATIONS. The President—What a Fine View We Are Having of the Mountain Sheep—I've Watched Those Fellows a Full Quarter of an Hour. The Sheep—Its Only Once in a Lifetime That You Get So Good a Chance to See the President—Without a Gun.

trust, the beef trust and several railroad mergers. At the same time it is evidently not the intention of the department just yet to yield any advantages gained in the Securities litigation.

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