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FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1903.

FRANCE WILL SEND SHIPS TO TURKEY

Commander of the Mediterranean Squadron at Toulon Is Ordered to Hold Himself in Readiness to Go.

Muslimans in Constantinople, Aroused by Published Reports of Bulgarian Outrages, Threaten to Attack the Christian Population—The Situation at Beirut Is Improved.

Paris, Sept. 11.—The commander of the French Mediterranean squadron at Toulon has received orders to hold himself in readiness to leave for the Levant with a naval division consisting of the battleship Bretagne, the armored cruiser Latouche Treville, the second-class cruiser Du Chayla, and the third-class cruiser Jolimot, under the command of Admiral Jaureguiberry.

WASHINGTON IS PLEASED

Minister Lelshman Tells the Porte Some Claims to Be Pushed.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The state department has authentic advice that Governor General Nazim Pasha of Damascus, who has been appointed acting governor of Beirut, is a trustworthy and broad-minded man, and Minister Lelshman has been instructed to advise the sultan to grant the request for the removal of the governor of Beirut and the appointment in his stead of a reasonable official and one favorable to foreigners.

A long cablegram has been received at the state department from Minister Lelshman on the general Turkish situation, which has not yet been made public. The prestige of Mr. Lelshman at Constantinople has greatly increased since the appearance of the European squadron at Beirut and the scope of his representations to the sultan have also increased in the last few days. It is understood that our government will push to an early conclusion all its pending claims against Turkey.

Says Beirut Is Peaceful. Chelikh Bey, the Turkish minister, was an early caller at the state department today, bringing further reassuring advice that a "condition of absolute peace has been established at Beirut."

The minister received over night a cablegram from his foreign office confirming the news of disturbances at Beirut, stating that eight were killed and about fifteen wounded. Of the killed, four, it is said, were Christians. The cablegram stated that the disturbance had no other cause than a condition of perfect calm has been established.

The cablegram further stated that the reports sent out by some of the foreign consuls at Beirut, which go to the information from excited persons, had been greatly exaggerated.

"I know the governor general of Damascus," said Chelikh Bey, "and I am sure he will prove a power for good at Beirut. He is an admirable worker with the way of paying freight, creating peace, and with maintaining the situation at Beirut with a firm hand. He is respected throughout Turkey."

To Guard the Frontier. Saloniki, Sept. 11.—The palace authorities, acting upon information from the Turkish minister at Belgrade, have decided to send the wall of Kostovitch, instructing him to guard the Serbian frontier more carefully. The Serbian revolution committee is holding meetings at all the frontier places, arranging for distributing bombs and explaining the method of using them.

Cholera Is Raging. Constantinople, Sept. 11.—Cholera is reported to be raging fiercely at Bleridli, Syria.

SHOCK TO A MEDIC

Discovers Body of a Friend on Slab in University Dissecting Room.

The Painful Sequel of a Summer's Outing for Charles E. Bennett.

A summer's outing had a gruesome sequel yesterday when Charles E. Bennett of the university medical college was assigned to dissect the body of a person with whom he had been camping all summer.

The mid-year dental students began their first year in dissecting yesterday morning, and as usual, a new lot of corpses were provided. The class had entered the room and several had begun work when Mr. Bennett had just drawn the cover off his subject and was about to commence work, when he glanced at the face.

One look was enough. Before his friends could reach him, Mr. Bennett had fallen in a faint. His classmates soon restored him to consciousness and he then informed them that the body which he had been about to dissect was that of a young man with whom he had been camping this summer.

The two had been members of a surveying party at Swan River, in the northern part of the state. Bennett and the dead man had occupied the same tent and the two had been closely associated. Shortly before the party broke up, the friend was drowned in a mysterious manner and his body was taken in charge by the coroner. In accordance with the law it was held for several days while efforts were made to communicate with the dead man's relatives.

The university authorities received the body several weeks ago. It was in a well preserved state and there was no mistake about the identity of the man. Bennett was greatly overcome but was able finally to control his emotions and ask his instructor to transfer him to another slab. As all efforts to communicate with the dead man's friends have proved fruitless, it is expected that nothing further will be done.

STARTED THE ALARM

Special to The Journal. Minn., Sept. 11.—Burglars attempted to crack the vault and safe of the Gold-Stack bank at Wabasha last night, but after breaking off a piece of one door the burglar alarm was started and the burglars escaped from the town with a team stolen from Leo Altermate's barn. The bank had about \$5,000 in currency.

The team was found this morning at Lambert, but the men seem to have escaped. The burglar alarm kept ringing until 5 o'clock this morning, but the attempted robbery was not known until the owner of the stolen horses discovered his loss.

The informant of the Associated Press says the Christian inhabitants are panic-stricken, hourly fearing a general massacre by the Muslims, whose fanatic hatred of the Christians has reached the highest point. The shops are closed in Monastir, business is suspended and the streets are deserted. Even the consuls do not dare to venture outside their homes. The country people are afraid to come to the city lest they should be robbed and murdered on the way.

Fully 70,000 Starving. The informant continues that it is estimated that there are over 70,000 people in the fields without shelter and starving. Hilmi Pasha has promised the consuls that he will assist the destitute people, but he has done nothing, even refusing to allow

CONSPIRACY AND BRIBERY

These Are the Charges Made Against Indicted Postoffice Department Crafters.

List of Names Made Public Includes Beavers, Machen, Erwin, Richardson and Others.

Sensational Features of the Cases Against These Men Not Known Heretofore.

Washington, Sept. 11.—United States District Attorney Beach today announced that the six persons named in the indictment against the Postoffice Department crafters, Machen and Erwin, are charged with conspiracy to commit bribery, Scheibel and Machen are indicted jointly for conspiracy against the United States and again for conspiracy to commit bribery. Another indictment is against McGiehan and Huntington for bribery, and the last is against Machen, singly, for accepting bribes.

The complaint also charges the three officials with being stockholders in the Postal Device & Improvement company at the time the devices were purchased.

MACHEN IS ARRAIGNED Pleads Not Guilty and Is Released Under \$5,000 Bail.

New York, Sept. 11.—George W. Beavers, former head of the department of salaries and allowances in the postoffice department, was arraigned before United States District Judge McClellan in the federal building today, on a bench warrant issued in Washington, charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government.

Beavers furnished a bond of \$5,000 for his appearance on Sept. 25. Beavers was recently arraigned on the indictment returned by the federal grand jury in Brooklyn.

Neither Mr. Beavers nor his counsel would discuss the nature of the charges, but gave notice that they would on Sept. 25 insist upon the government producing its complete evidence against the defendant. Assistant United States Attorney

Erwin alleges that the Postal Device & Improvement company of San Francisco, formerly the Montague Indicator & Letter Box company, was composed almost entirely of western postal employees; that in 1889 it set aside 1,000 shares of stock for "forwarding its interests," and that the company was organized for the purpose of selling the devices to the government.

The indictment says the company was systematically relieved of its obligations in the way of paying freight, creating, painting and printing cards for the devices to be furnished. The indictment charges that Beavers and Machen owned stock under assumed names. Most of the thousand shares of stock set aside in the indictment says, went to different postoffice officials and again President Richardson came to Washington and following an increase in the contract price he got for the company, dividends were paid on the stock.

McGiehan is charged with agreeing to pay Machen 50 cents for each \$1.25 paid on the package box contract by the government. Specific payments to Machen are cited, in consideration of increased compensation, and under the package box contract, ostensibly for attaching a different support to the boxes.

Scheibel became interested in the firm of which Mayor Maybury of Detroit, Mich., is a member, and which furnished letter boxes to the government and Scheibel and Machen in a joint indictment, are alleged to have conspired to defraud the government by the supply of excessive quantities of boxes. The indictment says that Maybury & Ellis paid Scheibel to the extent of the latter's interest in the company and that he, in turn, paid large sums to Machen. In seventeen counts the indictments cite specific payments to Machen by Scheibel. The other indictments involve practically similar transactions.

Montague, whose name figures in the Montague Indicator and Letter Box company, is postmaster of San Francisco.

Names of Men Indicted. United States District Attorney Beach today announced that the six persons named in the seven indictments returned by the grand jury last Tuesday are George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances, postoffice department; August W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery; James W. Erwin, former postoffice inspector with headquarters in San Francisco; George H. Huntington and Isaac S. McGiehan of New York, owners of the Columbia Supply company of this city, and Eugene D. Scheibel of Toledo, Ohio, a dentist interested in the firm of Maybury & Ellis of Detroit, Mich., letter box manufacturers.

Beavers, Machen and Erwin are named jointly in one indictment for conspiracy to defraud the United States. Another indictment is against McGiehan, Huntington and Machen for conspiracy to defraud the United States, and still another is against

BARS COAL TAR BUTTER COLOR

Dairy Commissioner Forbids the Use of Aniline Preparations in Minnesota Butter.

Minnesota the First State in the Union to Place the Ban on Coal Tar Color.

Its Use in Other Foods Is Already Prohibited as Injurious to Human System.

Butter color made from coal tar products must not be used in Minnesota after Sept. 15, according to a ruling of W. W. P. McConnell, state dairy and food commissioner, has made a ruling to that effect, and will send it out in a

London, Sept. 11.—From all parts of the country come reports of destruction on land and sea by the terrific gale. The wind has now abated, but telegraph and other communication with the outside world is only possible after much delay. In some cases the lines are entirely cut. The suburbs of the metropolis are littered with trees and branches which have been blown down. The tents of the first army corps, which was under canvas preparatory to taking part in the maneuvers, were almost all blown to pieces. It is possible that the whole force may be recalled from Aldershot.

The breakwaters of the new harbor in course of construction at Dover have been entirely swept away, involving a loss of many thousands of pounds sterling. The channel steamers from France arrived late this morning after perilously riding out the storm for six or seven hours.

Many lifeboat rescues were made and several fatalities and many accidents were recorded. Much wreckage is being washed up all around the coast.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The appointment of a British-American boundary commission to determine the boundary lines of the coast of Borneo, separating the possessions of the two countries in those waters, may be the eventual solution of the British charge d'affaires regarding the control to be exercised over these islands, which have frequently been a resort for pirates, is still under consideration in the state department, and Acting Secretary Adee will consult with the secretary of the navy before replying.

So far as can be learned, there is nothing in the controversy which will call for arbitration.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—Alleged irregularities have been discovered in the cigar department of the state penitentiary in this city, and acting upon the suggestion of inspectors Robinson and Hart, United States internal revenue officials are investigating the business methods of the institution. Warden Bussinger has been granted an indefinite vacation and Overseer Robert Armstrong, in charge of the cigar manufacturing department, has been suspended.

The institution has been placed temporarily in charge of Rev. Joseph Walsh, the chaplain. Internal revenue officials have closed the cigar department and have impounded all of the raw and manufactured materials.

It is stated by United States officials that so far at least 50,000 cigars are unaccounted for, and these at the minimum price of \$10 per thousand, indicate a loss to the state's exchequer of not less than \$500,000. Inspector Robinson says each department is to be investigated.

PORTLAND RETURNS HOME. Portland, Oregon, Sept. 11.—After wandering around the globe for fifteen years, forgetting even his birthplace and the names of his parents from whom he had been kidnapped, Marcus Fechtman, now 22 years of age, walked into the store of his father yesterday to look at a watch and was recognized by the aged man. The young man was stolen by a wandering troupe of variety actors when 7 years old.

The controller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Wednesday, Sept. 10.

JUDGE ELL TORRANCE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Old Soldiers of the Nation Will Offer Past Commander for That Office.

Department Commander of Kansas G. A. R. Says Judge Torrance Will Receive the Backing of the Old Soldiers of the West—Situation Was Canvassed at San Francisco and the Judge Was Regarded as the Available Candidate.

The Kansas City Journal of Sept. 8 has the following correspondence from Topeka: Sept. 7.—(Special).—Department Commander A. W. Smith of the Kansas G. A. R. returned to-day from San Francisco, where he attended the national convention of the old soldiers of the west at Minneapolis, Minn., was to receive the backing of the old soldiers of the west for Roosevelt's running mate next year.

"The political situation was thoroughly discussed by the Grand Army men at San Francisco," said he. "It was unanimously agreed that Roosevelt would be the regular nominee for president, and we were all glad of that. It was also agreed that the candidate for vice president should come from the west or northwest, and that he should be an old soldier. The chances are that no civil war veteran will ever again be president. For that reason the old soldiers believe they should have some voice in the selection of a vice president, and that he should be of their number. A long list of names was canvassed and it finally settled down to the selection of General Ell Torrance as the available candidate for vice president. It is commander-in-chief of the national G. A. R. two years ago and is known from ocean to ocean. He has accomplished more things for the benefit of the old soldier than any other commander-in-chief before or since. His war record is good. He fought in a Pennsylvania regiment. He is a lawyer of great ability and has not expected to have any of their number in the presidential chair again they would like to have an old soldier honored with second place."

When Judge Torrance's attention was called to this matter to-day, he said he had heard some talk about the matter at San Francisco. He knew that his name had been considered in that connection but that he had not encouraged any effort in his own behalf. Of course he had been greatly complimented, as any man would, at being considered in connection with the current presidential campaign, but he had not yet allowed himself to take the attitude of an active candidate. He hoped, however, that if the movement should assume dignified proportions elsewhere that he might have the support of his own state. The old soldiers, he thought, felt that while they perhaps might not expect to have any of their number in the presidential chair again they would like to have an old soldier honored with second place.

London, Sept. 11.—The tuberculosis conversion of the Charity Organization society has been making an inspection of tenements and collecting statistics of consumption. The results are published in the current number of Charities, the official organ of the society.

Ernest A. Poole, a member of the committee, accompanied health inspectors thru the block bounded by Market, Erie, Hamilton and Market streets, which is known as "the Lung Block." This locality is described in Mr. Poole's report in order to show the conditions which prevail to a greater or less degree in the tenements throughout the city. The block is in the seventh ward, one of the most crowded in the city. Mr. Poole says in part:

"It is a block packed with huge, grimy tenements that are honeycombed with rooms; these are homes for nearly four thousand persons. The block and air are shut out. Of the 265 tuberculosis cases reported in the block in nine years, 104 cases from the block and 161 from other houses. There is one called 'the Ink Pot.' Here live 140 persons. Twenty-three are babies. Here in the 'Ink Pot' in nine years alone 26 cases have been reported. One room in the house has a record of 16 deaths in seven years from consumption."

There is a pickle factory in operation in the basement of one of the piasas housed in the attic of another house. live twenty persons who work all day on sheepskin rugs, which are sold thruout the city.

In the committee's report it is stated that Dr. Biggs of the health department estimates the total economic loss in New York from the plague at \$23,000,000 annually.

MAY APPOINT COMMISSION

Such a Body May Be Needed to Settle Ownership of Islands Off Borneo.

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BRITISH FLEET WILL VISIT US

"Home Squadron" to Call at New York—Many Big Battleships in Line.

London, Sept. 11.—The Press Association today announced that the British home squadron will be sent to the United States on a courtesy visit, in return for the American action in sending a squadron to Portsmouth.

The home squadron, which is commanded by Vice Admiral Sir Arthur K. Wilson, has just returned from a successful participation in the naval maneuvers, and will sail Sept. 16 for a six weeks' cruise around Scotland. Shortly afterwards, according to the announcement, the squadron will sail for America.

The British home squadron consists of the first-class battleships Benbow, Empress of India, Hood, Revenge, Royal Oak, Royal Sovereign and Sans Pareil, the second-class battleship Anson, the first-class cruisers Edgar and Hawke, the second-class cruisers Dido, Mersey and Venus and several other powerful cruisers.

POWDER WRECKS TRAIN

Two Men Are Dead and Another Will Die as Result of Accident.

Eldorado, Kan., Sept. 11.—A carload of powder set on a "frisco" siding, near Beaumont, by a freight crew which did not want to handle it while switching, got beyond control and ran several miles on a branch line towards Winfield to-day, exploding with a train which had left the station shortly before. The powder exploded, killing two and injuring two more.

The dead are Milton Pennefick, fireman, Enid, Okla., and J. N. Holt, brakeman, Enid, Okla. The injured are A. H. Merritt, Atlanta, Kan., who will die, and Fred Orr, Atlanta, Kan.

In addition the explosion tore up several rods of track and derailed a locomotive. The shock of the explosion shook the ground for miles around. People in Eldorado ran from their houses fearing it was an earthquake and that buildings would collapse. Other towns in the vicinity were also shaken up.

TWO SMALL ROBBERIES

Special to The Journal. Sloux Falls, S. D., Sept. 11.—Thieves last night entered the station of the Rock Island Railroad company in this city. The safe was easily opened and was ransacked, but all the robbers secured was a collection of old paper money. All the cash taken in since the closing of the banks yesterday afternoon was in a sack, which was placed in a pigeon hole. It was overlooked by the robbers, who left no clue.

The postoffice at Ramona was also raided by thieves, who secured about \$25 worth of stamps but no money.



Democrat Voter—Hello—Who Is It? Bryan? Ring Off, —!!!