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THE DEFENSE OPENS

Second Stage of Post Office Case Reached.

ARGUMENTS TODAY

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE WITNESSES TO COME.

Counsel Explain Money Transactions

Between Machen and Lorenz— Paying an Old Debt.

August W. Machen, Diller B. Groff and his brother, Samuel A. Groff; George E. Lorenz and his wife, Mrs. Martha J. Lorenz, today began the task of shattering the proof produced by the government and consisting in the United States in connection with the sale of Groff letter-box fasteners.

In a court room crowded to the walls counsel representing each of the defendants occupied almost the entire morning session eloquently explaining the connection of the accused with the transaction. There exists no ground for suspicion of guilt against any one of the defendants, counsel asserted, and that fact it was promised would be established to the entire satisfaction of the jury.

According to the defendants, George E. Lorenz, inventor of the fastener, came one day when the fastener was on exhibition at the city post office, this city, then Mr. Lorenz introduced himself to Mr. Machen, the inventor of the fastener, and told him that he was interested in it and would like to have a share in the invention. After Mr. Lorenz had explained to Mr. Machen the nature of the invention, Mr. Lorenz introduced him to Diller B. Groff. After much parleying it was agreed that if Mr. Lorenz should succeed in securing the rights of the Department to adopt the fastener he would be paid one-half the profits derived from the sale of the fastener. Mr. Lorenz, however, succeeded in having the fastener adopted. The price paid by the government at first was \$1.50 for each fastener, but later it was reduced to 62 cents. Later, the price was reduced to 32 cents, of which Lorenz was paid 16 cents and Machen, counsel said, happened to be 40 per cent of the amount paid by the government for the fastener.

TOOK PRUSSIC ACID

INCIDENTS ATTENDING SUICIDE OF WHITAKER WRIGHT.

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ALL WATCHING GORMAN

HE STILL CONTROLS SITUATION, IT IS THOUGHT.

Smith's Supporters Indignant Over His Failure to Secure Caucus Nomination Last Night.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

LONDON, January 28.—"Suicide" was the verdict passed by the coroner's jury today in the cloister, chapter of the tragedy of Whitaker Wright. His death was caused by suffocation in consequence of poisoning by cyanide of potassium. The jury found that Wright was perfectly sane, and that he was not the slightest doubt that his death was due to most deliberate suicide.

From the evidence at the inquest it was shown that Wright had determined to take his own life in the event of an adverse verdict, and that he went to court with a cyanide tablet in his possession, while in his hip pocket was a new revolver, fully loaded, and even cocked. He and other witnesses in the main, bore out the facts already related. Neither the son nor the closest friends of the deceased, who testified today, ever heard Wright even intimate that he contemplated suicide. His son, along implicitly believed that he would be acquitted, or that at the worst he only contemplated a disagreement of the jury. Even after his sentence Wright showed only indignation.

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In Talking with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Eyre, one of the witnesses called in to attend the coroner's court, said:

"I really think I am the most composed of you all."

Asked for Cigar While Dying.

After Wright had taken the poison, holding a glass in his hand and still slipping its contents, he said: "Waters, give me another cigar." Mr. Waters took up Wright's cigar case, which was lying on a table, and Wright deliberately cut the end off the cigar and struck a match. Just as he was about to light the cigar Wright flung the match from him, sank back unconscious and died without uttering another word.

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Illinois and Indiana Will Instruct for Him—Massachusetts' "Big Four"—Southern Republicans in Line.

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STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Md., January 28.—There was no election in the ballot for senator at Annapolis today. The vote was as follows: Rayner, 37; Smith, 32; Carter, 11; Jackson, 5; Miles 4; McComas, 37. Necessary to choice, 64.

No change was indicated by the vote cast, but there are many signs that something will be done before long. Many of the supporters of ex-Governor Smith are beginning to realize that Mr. Gorman does not intend to allow his candidate to be elected if he can prevent it. Most of these members are from Washington and a definite way word from Washington to the candidate preferred by the senator.

Today the friends of Smith are expressing their feelings of disappointment over the failure of the caucus last night to take up their man. They are openly accusing Mr. Gorman of bad faith and chicanery to Smith and in some instances are threatening vengeance.

Democratic Leaders Divided.

The democratic leaders are divided as never before in the history of their party and they do not know what to do. They confess they are at sea. But it is expected that when Senator Gorman puts on pressure they will all get together. What the senator's game is they admit they don't know. If Smith's followers stand firm the prospect will last for some time, but it is expected that some of the break-aways will come before the end of the week and also that there will be a break in the Rayner line at the same time.

If Senator Gorman could hear the complimentary things said about him by some of his old lieutenants here, he might be displeased, but it is doubtful if he would be able to whip them in line, and will probably be able to do so again.

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ARRIVAL OF TAFT

NEXT SECRETARY OF WAR COR- DIALLY WELCOMED.

Went to White House and Subsequently Had a Conference With Secretary Root at the Department.

William H. Taft, the former governor general of the Philippines and new Secretary of War, arrived here over the Pennsylvania railroad at 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His train was the regular connection of the Chicago limited. He was enthusiastically welcomed by a large gathering at the station. Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, chief of staff of the United States army; Assistant Secretary of War Oliver and Colonel Clarence Edwards, chief of the division of insular affairs, formally greeted the new head of the War Department.

Others of the party at the railroad station included Harry Worley of Cincinnati, Ohio, an old friend of the Taft family; Louis Torres and Antonio Torres, sons of an associate justice of the Philippine supreme court, and their Philippine friends, Jose Varis and Fileman Perez.

Greeted With Cheers.

Governor Taft was escorted down the long train shed by General Chaffee and Assistant Secretary Oliver, and as they reached the gates and passed through a lane formed in the crowd there was a prolonged outburst of cheers, which was repeated vociferously by the people gathered on the streets. Lieutenant General Chaffee and Colonel Edwards, both in full uniform, entered one carriage and General Oliver followed in another and led by Troop E of the 10th Cavalry. Governor Taft had been drawn up in the plaza in front of the depot, they were rapidly driven to the War Department, where Secretary Root formally welcomed him.

From there the new secretary was driven to the Arlington Hotel, where apartments had been reserved for him. Governor Taft looked the picture of health. He said he had had an enjoyable trip and was in excellent health. He was accompanied by Mr. Carpenter, private secretary. Mrs. Taft and their children did not accompany the governor, remaining in California for an indefinite stay.

Governor Taft was a guest at the brilliant reception which Senator Alger gave last night to the retiring Secretary of War, Mr. Root. Governor Taft was in the city for four hours. Invited to meet the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court and other distinguished persons prominent in official life here, as head of the diplomatic corps, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, gave Governor Taft a most cordial greeting on the part of the cabinet members. The two spent some time in conversation.

Received Many Calls.

Governor Taft spent the morning at his hotel, where there was a constant stream of callers. Later in the day he went to the White House, and thence to the War Department for a conference with Secretary Root. Governor Taft gave a reception to the retiring Secretary of War, Mr. Root, at the Arlington Hotel, where he was met by the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root. The reception was held at the Arlington Hotel, where the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root remained to luncheon with the President.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

Appointments and Promotions in the Interior Department.

The following clerical changes have been made in the Department of the Interior: General land office: Appointment—Miss Mary F. Theaker of Illinois, copyist, at \$900. Promotion—Frank E. Mansuy of Ohio, copyist, at \$900. Resignation—Charles M. Indian office: Appointment—Charles M. Earl of Wisconsin and Lee Morris of Tennessee, copyists, at \$900. Resignation—H. Scott Ryer of Virginia, copyist, at \$900. Patent office: Resignations—Joseph M. Gold of North Carolina, copyist, at \$900, and Charles H. Baker of District of Columbia, copyist, at \$1,200. Promotions—B. P. Pickman of Massachusetts, second assistant examiner, at \$1,600; Isaac H. Brown of Texas, third assistant examiner, at \$1,400; second assistant examiner, at \$1,600; William W. Holt of South Carolina, fourth assistant examiner, at \$1,200; third assistant examiner, at \$1,400; Charles H. H. Brown of Indiana, draftsman, at \$1,000; skilled draftsman, at \$1,200; Mrs. Ellen Griffiths of Delaware, copyist, at \$90, to model at \$200; Miss Laura V. Walker of Connecticut, model attendant, at \$900; copyist, at \$720; Blumenthal of District of Columbia, messenger boy, at \$300, to copyist, at \$720.

February 1. Appointment—Howard B. Carpenter of California, United States surveyor, to survey the boundary line between Idaho and Montana; compensation at the rate of \$100 for every acre of land surveyed permanently established.

FILED FALSE PAPERS.

Applicant for Engineer on Government Steamer Convinced at St. Paul.

The civil service commission has received notice from United States Attorney Hought of St. Paul that Leroy Lyon pleaded guilty in the United States district court to a charge of attempting to defraud the United States by filing false papers in connection with a civil service examination, and was sentenced by Judge Lochren to serve one year and three months in the state prison at Stillwater, Minn.

Lyon was an applicant for examination before the civil service commission for the position of engineer on the quartermaster steamer Lotus, but before he could be admitted to the examination he was required to show that he had been licensed as an engineer by the steamboat inspectors of the state of Minnesota. In order to comply with this requirement Lyon sent the commission a license belonging to Albert H. Wareham, from which Lyon had erased Wareham's name and substituted his own.

THE DIPLOMATIC BILL.

An Increase of \$28,350 Carried by the Measure.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill now pending today by the House committee on foreign affairs and ordered reported. The measure carries a total appropriation of \$1,996,000, an increase of \$28,350 over the appropriation for the present year. Of this increase \$12 (9) is for the diplomatic service in the republic of Panama. An amount of \$1,000 is included for the consular service in Manchuria.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The Navy Department has been informed of the arrival at Norfolk of the torpedo boat Porter and Talbot under convoy of the tug Standish. The Standish has arrived from Hong Kong, and the Don Juan de Austria has left Aden for Bues.