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## SUPERINTENDENT OF MONEY ORDER SERVICE IS REMOVED; MACHEN ACCUSED OF FORGERY

James T. Metcalf Found Guilty of Flagrant Irregularities—Gave Big Contract to Favored Bidder in Return for Lucrative Position Given to His (Metcalf's) Son—Coerced Competing Bidders to Withdraw—Machen May Be Indicted for Signing Name of Employee to Checks for Pay for Months Before the Employee Was Appointed—Scandal Grows Larger and Darker.

## PERRY HEATH'S CLEVERNESS IN EVADING CIVIL-SERVICE LAW.

The Republic Bureau, 1211 St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, June 17.—The Postmaster General today removed James T. Metcalf, General Superintendent of the Money Order Service, and it is said with apparent authority that more sensational developments are impending and will be disclosed within a day or two.

Metcalf's removal was mainly because of the execution of a contract with a favored bidder for money order blank supplies. The cost of these blanks to the department is about \$250,000 a year.

It appears that Metcalf's son was given a lucrative position by the successful bidder and that Metcalf in a measure coerced a competing bidder to withdraw and leave the contract to the control of the concern which had taken care of his son. What other interest, if any, Metcalf may have had will be divulged when the investigations are completed.

The high-handed manner in which postal affairs have been conducted can be seen in the Metcalf case, and even more glaringly in an alleged act of Machen, upon which his indictment for forgery will be asked. This is no less than the bold scheme of dating a clerk's appointment some months prior to the time he actually began work and drawing the money through a forged warrant, cashed for the benefit of the dishonest official.

This transaction, if it occurred, is admitted to be about as daring a means of looting the Treasury as could be devised short of opening it with a burglar's key. Machen makes a sweeping denial of this charge.

## MACHEN MAY BE INDICTED ON CHARGE OF FORGERY.

Upon information now in the possession of the inspectors the indictment of Machen on a charge of forgery will be asked. Some delay in placing the matter before the Grand Jury has been occasioned by the time that has elapsed since the alleged crime was committed, but the advice of the attorneys is now to the effect that the department will be able to make out a clear case against the accused.

The action will be based upon the cashing of the check for \$200 in 324 drawn by the cashier of the New York Post Office in favor of Henry J. I. No action was taken at that time, because of the apparently satisfactory explanation of the affair given by Machen. Since the present investigation was begun the matter has been again referred to the Grand Jury, and attorneys believe, will justify a prompt return of an indictment when the facts are placed before the Grand Jury.

Lorenz was appointed and assigned to the task of adjusting the claims of letter carriers throughout the country for overtime under the provisions of the eight-hour law. Although his services did not begin until November 1, his appointment was antedated to read from July 1 of that year.

**LORENZ DECLARES HIS SIGNATURE WAS FORGED.**

A voucher in favor of Lorenz was drawn upon the Postmaster at New York, through which office all of Lorenz's acts were paid. Through this voucher a personal note suggested that, as Lorenz was short of money and was to leave Washington on a confidential errand immediately, the money be sent to him in the care of Machen, the Superintendent of Free Delivery.

William W. Hill, at that time Assistant Superintendent of the free-delivery system, but who was assigned, as was Lorenz, to the adjustment of letter carriers' claims, was in the office of the cashier at the time and, with the cashier, detected certain irregularities in the voucher that resulted in a check being sent to Mr. Lorenz instead of the cash, as had been asked. This check was afterwards cashed through the Ohio National Bank of this city and returned to the Subtreasury at New York, on which it

was drawn. It bore what purported to be the signature of Henry J. Lorenz and the indorsement of Frank K. Raymond, an insurance agent, whose office is now in an uptown office building. Several weeks ago this check and the voucher authorizing it were presented to Mr. Lorenz to verify the signature. Mr. Lorenz not only repudiated the signature, declaring it to be a forgery, but declared that he had never received a cent of the money and that he had no knowledge of the transaction whatever.

**WOMAN TRANSFERRED FROM \$400 OFFICE TO \$1,000 PLACE.**

An investigation of the records of the Civil Service Commission, prompted by the disclosure in Mr. Proctor's report on the Washington City Post office, has developed the fact that unclassified Post Office were used as a channel for evading the limitations of the Civil Service elsewhere than in the Post Office Department.

The showing in the case of one woman—and the instance is reported by Civil Service Commission officials to be only one of many—is that a niece of H. Clay Evans was placed in a \$400 position in the Pension Office in the Pension Office. Her salary in the latter bureau was fixed at \$400. She was assigned to duty as a copyist.

After serving in that capacity three months she took another noncompetitive examination as stenographer and passed with an average a fraction above 75. The result of this examination, on April 11 following she was made stenographer to the Pension Commissioner at her present salary of \$1,000.

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## PERRY HEATH'S FINE ITALIAN HAND TO BE SEEN.

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What was done at Wellsville has been done, according to the records, at many other places, and appears to have been a method discovered by that ingenious statesman, Perry Heath, who, because of his peculiar abilities, is secretary of the Republican National Executive Committee.

The officials of the department would know, however, that a post office was about to be put under the Civil Service rules. The scheme was simple—appoint relatives or friends to positions in that office, and then, when the office had been "classified," transfer the appointee to Civil Service positions in Washington and promote them ad libitum.

## DEMOCRATS PLAN A SECOND CLUB.

Folk Movement Gives Opportunity for New St. Louis Organization.

## PROMOTERS COMMAND WEALTH

Former Governor Stephens, Moses Wetmore, Robert H. Kern, John C. Roberts and Others Interested in Plan.

A new Democratic organization is forming, and will be formally launched in a month or so, when its purposes will be defined, a location for a clubhouse chosen and a general call for members issued.

Former Governor Len V. Stephens, Robert H. Kern, John C. Roberts, Edward C. Lewis, Given Campbell, Moses Wetmore and other well-known business men are said to be back of the enterprise.

All of them have had more or less experience in politics, and while none of them can be said to be "on top" at the present time, they are more than anxious to test the sentiment of the people of St. Louis on propositions which they believe can be pushed forward to advantage.

According to one of the men interested in the movement, the boom of Joseph W. Folk for Governor will be one of their chief objects. Mr. Stephens, in an interview which was printed some time ago, declared that Mr. Folk should be nominated, and yesterday he said that he thought Folk's announcement would be followed in two months' time by the practical withdrawal of all other candidates.

To Governor Stephens is given the credit for most of the preliminary work in organization. A sort of "blocks of gold" system has been used in securing converts, appeals for conversions being made on different pleas. Some men are more easily reached by the free silver argument. Others think that hoodlum should be the paramount issue in the coming campaign, and are therefore for Folk. Others have grievances against the Jefferson Club.

## RAISING \$5,000.

It is expected that within a few days fifty men will have signed written pledges to pay \$100 a year, making a total of \$5,000 a year, with which to pay the running expenses of the club. It is reported that this sum has almost been raised. The pledges are to run for three years, thus giving assurance that there will be no deficit in maintaining the headquarters. In a measure life membership will be a feature. It is said that police officers are not to be permitted to join the organization, those in charge believing that they should not mix in politics.

Robert H. Kern has practically moved back to St. Louis and is working hard for the new organization. He was formerly a director in the Jefferson Club, but about two years ago failed to run for re-election. Since that time he has had little to do with the organization.

It is said that the presidency of the new organization has been offered to Given Campbell, who now has the matter under consideration. Judge Campbell supported Lee Meriwether for Mayor when Rolla Wells was nominated, and is considered a strong advocate of the Bryan element in St. Louis.

John C. Roberts was formerly a member of the Democratic State Committee, but was beaten for re-election. Since that time he has not been on delegations from the Twenty-eighth Ward, and has been at sword's point with those in control of the Jefferson Club. He has been instrumental in forwarding many reform movements and is a liberal contributor to them.

Edward C. Lewis, another of the men said to be prominent in the proposed organization, is connected with the Hargadine-McKittick Dry Goods Company and has been one of the Washington avenue merchants who participated in the numerous testimonials to Circuit Attorney Folk. Both he and Mr. Roberts are chiefly interested in forwarding the Folk movement.

Moses Wetmore's supposed alliance with the "new deal" is said to be because of his opposition to Gold Democrats. He is not in favor of the position on this question which some officials of the party are taking. It is now considered a friend of the new deal, and William J. Bryan is said to believe that the new organization offers a chance to get an expression here in St. Louis on the proposition which would not otherwise come.

## FOLK THE MAIN ISSUE.

The men interested in the club—no name has been selected—have a great amount of money at their command, and it is said will raise a big fund to nominate Folk, which may be considered the main idea.

It is probable that no one of these Democrats could carry wards, with the possible exception of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth wards. According to one man who is on the inside, they expect the assistance of "Tony" Stuever, the South-Side boss, in taking care of this part of the programme, while William H. Swift, formerly one of the best manipulators in St. Louis politics, is said to be interested.

Stuever was formerly Police Commissioner under Governor Stephens and has always been considered a friend of the new deal. When Attorney General Crow was running for Governor, Stuever lined up for him. At the last primary Stuever is said to have been negotiating with certain Democrats with a view of breaking up the prospective harmony at the polls. He is now in Europe on business. They returned home last night.

An anonymous call for a meeting of Democrats in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth wards has been called for to-night at McConnell's Hall, Easton and Marcus avenues, when a Folk Club will be organized. To-night's meeting, while in harmony with the Stephens-Kern-Lewis movement, is not connected with it.

This was followed by an instant recognition of the truth that surpassing artistry also contributed to make the night memorable. It is not strange that such recognition should have come quickly. The players who responded to the baton's opening signal were members of the best orchestras in the Western Hemisphere. The magnificent Chicago organization created by Theodore Thomas, that other admirable body which owes its fame to the Pittsburgh Orchestra to the leadership of Victor Herbert, the Academy of Music Orchestra of Cincinnati, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, brought to its present high rank in the music world by

**SAYS FOLK IS NOW FAVORED.**

Senator Clay Heather Discusses the Governorship.

Senator Clay Heather of Palmyra and Prosecuting Attorney Eugene Nelson of Hannibal were in the city yesterday on business. They returned home last night. "Cook, Folk and Reed all have friends in Marion County," said Senator Heather. "The outcome of a primary on the governorship depends a good deal on when it will be held. At present Folk probably would win."

## TWO OF LAST NIGHT'S SAENGERFEST SOLOISTS.



MME. KATHARINA FLEISCHER-EDTEL, German opera singer, who appeared in a duet at the Saengerfest concert in the Liberal Arts building.

## OPENING FESTIVAL OF SONG HEARD BY TWENTY THOUSAND.

Splendid Accoustics of Great Liberal Arts Building Adds to Success Scored by Famous Singers and Musicians Who Participate in Classic Programme at the Initial Performance.

## CHORUS OF ST. LOUIS VOICES SHARES HONORS WITH SOLOISTS.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

- Musical Director—Richard Stemp, William Lange and Alfred Ernst. Soloist, Mme. Katharina Fleischer-Edel, soprano.
- Vorspiel—Die Meistersinger.....Wagner
- Ode to Music.....Rheinberger
- (a) Huntsman's Fiddle Love.....Dresler
- (b) Whence With Joy.....Slicher
- Cheerful Poverty.....Kremsler
- Siegfried's Death.....Wagner
- Holiday Eve.....Attenhofer
- Awake.....Baldamus
- Soprano Solo.....Mme. Fleischer-Edel
- Within a Shady Grove.....Glueck
- Toreador and Andalusienne.....Rubinstein
- My Old Kentucky Home.....Foster
- Chorus from the opera "Jesonda".....Spohr

## LEADING TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:55 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:57.
- THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:34.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- For Missouri, Arkansas, East Texas and West Texas—Fair Thursday and Friday.
- For Illinois—Fair Thursday; warmer in north and central; Friday fair; cooler in north.
- King Peter Issues His First Manifesto.
- New Woman Jail Clerk Not Afraid of Prisoners.
- Murder of Child Stirs Birch Tree.
- Russians Prepare to Seize Tibet?
- Terror Reigns in Heppner.
- D. H. Barnes Is Acquitted.
- East Side News.
- Editorial.
- Society News.
- Oldest Fireman Dead.
- Jury's Error Saves Cody.
- The Republic Form Chart.
- Racing at the Fair Grounds.
- Baseball Scores.
- Republic "Want" Ads.
- Birth, Marriage and Death Records.
- New Corporations.
- Rooms for Rent Ads.
- River News and Personnel.
- Dullness in New York Stock Market.
- Tractions Close Higher.
- Summary of St. Louis Markets.
- Weather Bureau Report Advances.
- Grains.
- Preparations for Sacred Heart Feast.
- New Playgrounds to Open.
- Departure for the Arctic.
- Wife-Batter Fined \$5.



WILLI BIRRENKOVEN.

## DID KELLEY CAUSE LEE'S CONFESSION?

Agent Said to Have Warned Former Lieutenant Governor Not to Show Check.

## CROW ALREADY HAD EVIDENCE.

Fugitive Baking Powder Man Told St. Louis Lawyer He Threatened to Expose Lee.

## WITNESSES EXAMINED.

Circuit Attorney Folk had four witnesses before the Grand Jury yesterday. Former Representative W. P. Lightholder is supposed to have told what he knew about the beer-compromise bill two years ago. Representative J. W. Farley of Platte County was asked about the attempt which he made to reduce the fees of the Excise Commissioner in St. Louis.

B. C. Melshelmer is said to have told about an effort which was made to get him to contribute to a fund with which to beat the game bill at the last session and also about a report that a \$50 bill was changed in his cafe a Pine and Third streets.

A. A. Busch is said to have denied that he knew of any money which was raised by the brewers two years ago to beat the beer-compromise bill, but that Treasurer Hulm of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association could tell. Mr. Hulm has been subpoenaed for to-day.

Other witnesses subpoenaed for to-day are Levi Scott of Nevada, former Excise Commissioner Higgins, former Senator Fred W. Mott and William Ittner.

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The Minister went on to enumerate positions from which Hebrews are excluded. They cannot become directors of schools nor academic directors, except upon a very restricted scale. In fact, they are barred from many of the liberal callings.

## SON DROWNS WHILE MOTHER WADES IN TO SAVE HIM.

Mrs. Emma Washburn Sees Her Young Boy Tossed by River's Current Beyond Her Grasp.

Mrs. Emma Washburn of No. 308 Kosciusko street stood on the levee at the foot of Trudeau street yesterday morning and saw her son, Harry, 12 years old, drown, despite her efforts to save him by wading into the stream.

## CAPTIVE OF MOORISH BANDIT.

Troops Try in Vain to Rescue Walter G. Harris.

Tangier, Morocco, June 17.—Walter G. Harris, the traveler and author, who was a member of Sir Arthur Nicholson's special British embassy to the Sultan of Morocco last year, is a prisoner of the mountaineers at Zemeit, commanded by the bandit Rasul.

## SUFFERED INJURIES TO SPINE.

Charles Hertel of No. 69 Siney street, in a collision yesterday morning between a Cass avenue car and a wagon which he was driving, was thrown from his seat and suffered spinal injuries that are regarded as serious. The damage to the wagon will reach \$125. The accident happened at the intersection of Ninth and Victor streets, while Hertel was attempting to cross the tracks in front of the car. Doctor J. T. Jude of No. 231 South Broadway examined Hertel.

## NOTED JEW-BAITER STABBED BY A JEW AT ST. PETERSBURG.

Editor Kroushevan May Die From Wound Inflicted by Student—Incited Massacre.

Minister Plehve Asserts Stern Measures Have Been Used to Punish the Crimes.

Nearly Half of All the Hebrews in the World Are in Czar's Domain, and They Multiply at a Great Rate.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Kroushevan, the notorious Jew-baiter and the editor of the anti-Semitic organ in Kishenev, the Bessarabets, the articles in which are believed to have been largely responsible for the massacre of the Jews in Kishenev, was attacked by a party of Jews in the street here to-day.

He was stabbed in the neck by one of the Jews.

The wound, it is believed, may be fatal. His assailant was captured and proved to be a former student of the Polytechnic School at Kieff.

## AGE-LONG PROBLEM.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. St. Petersburg, June 17.—(Copyright, 1903.)—In the course of an interview regarding the Kishenev matter, M. Plehve, the Minister of the Interior, said:

"The Hebrew question in this country is an historical legacy we have inherited from the time of taking Poland.

"Out of 10,000,000 of Hebrews of the world about four to five millions reside in Russia. I have no exact figures, the reason being that the Hebrews show a particular desire to avoid military service, and with that end in view invent ways of evading every census which we have tried to take of them."

"It has been suggested that the Russian Government made but frivolous investigations concerning the Kishenev troubles."

"That is quite wrong," said the Minister. "One of the most trusted members of the Criminal Department, M. Leibauchen, was sent down with instructions to make a very minute examination. He returned with a full report. He called the heads of the Hebrew associations before him and heard all the charges they had to make."

## PUNISHING OFFENDERS.

In addition, 20 offenders were arrested and will in a short time appear before the courts upon charges of assault, pillage and murder, and will be duly sentenced, since the Kishenev trouble, every Governor has been warned that he will be personally responsible for any trouble lasting one hour.

"We have now sent one of our ablest younger men to Kishenev, Prince Orousoff."

"Does your Excellency disclaim the sympathy of the Government with the disturbances?" the Minister was asked. "It has been said you shut your eyes to what was going on."

"I say such a statement is scandalous."

**DENIAL EXPLICIT.**

M. Plehve is a quiet-tempered man, but he said this with emphasis and heightened color.

"Very much deplore what has happened at Kishenev."

Referring to the famous "forged letter" he was supposed to have written to the Governor of Kishenev, M. Plehve said it was written by him.

"Did you subsidize any Kishenev paper, as was stated in the Times?"

"I subsidized no paper; that is a false statement."

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