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P. O. INSPECTOR FACES CHARGES IN MACHEN CASE

Mr. Mayer Is Accused by Defense of Posting Witnesses.

MUST EXPLAIN ACTION

Groff Fasteners Proven to Have Cost 20 Cents at Works.

Charges that Postoffice Inspector Mayer was informing witnesses as to the testimony their predecessors had given were made this morning by John F. Kummer, for the defense, in the trial of A. W. Machen, the Groff brothers, George E. Lorenz, and Martha J. Lorenz, his wife, under indictment for conspiring to defraud the Government in the sale to the Postoffice Department of Groff letter box fasteners.

It so happened this morning that a witness left the stand and was followed from the room by Mr. Mayer. When he returned Mr. Kummer asked the court to prevent the inspector from "going out" at the end of an examination and telling the succeeding witness what the previous witness had said. Mr. Kummer said he had been told on good authority that Mr. Mayer had pursued that policy since the trial began and he wished to have it stopped.

Demands the Proof.

Mr. Beach, for the prosecution, indignantly denied there was any truth in the charge and demanded that Mr. Kummer be required by the court to substantiate it with proof, both in the interest of the inspector and of the prosecuting attorneys, generally. Mr. Kummer said he would have no trouble in bringing proof, and Mr. Beach again demanded in a most earnest manner that it be brought forward.

Justice Fritchard said such a practice on Mr. Mayer's part was not to be thought of, and that it would be a circumstance tolerated by the court.

Inspector Fritchard Aroused.

A few minutes after the discussion another witness finished his testimony and Mr. Mayer immediately left the room. It so happened that one Mr. Keables had been called and, after some delay, Mrs. Mary Marshall came in and was sworn to. Mr. Kummer at once entered a strong protest, and said Mr. Mayer had violated the injunction of the court almost as soon as delivered.

Mr. Beach once more came to the rescue of the inspector and asserted there had been nothing wrong in his conduct. Justice Fritchard was evidently impressed by the protest of Mr. Kummer, for he sharply reminded the prosecution that he intended to have the inspector obey the orders of the court.

Inspector Indignant.

Mr. Mayer was evidently indignant and embarrassed at the manner in which his actions had been criticized and started to enter an oral defense to the court, but Mr. Beach refused him to remain quiet.

Later in the morning Mr. Taggart, for the prosecution, asked that Mr. Mayer be allowed to leave the courtroom to look up papers that were needed. He said the inspector would not talk to any witnesses. Justice Fritchard said he considered Mr. Mayer an intelligent gentleman and not likely to adopt such a practice.

"Never Posted a Witness."

Mr. Mayer then addressed the court. He said he had never posted a witness and had no intention of doing so. When he followed the witness who stood after the first warning of the defense, it was to correct a bailiff who had gone out in search of another witness who, Mr. Mayer knew, was not in the city. He said he had been conducting cases in court for twenty years and knew his business as a postoffice inspector. In addition, he did not believe that Mr. Kummer had heard any reports of his trying to post witnesses.

Mr. Beach somewhat angrily asked the court to make Mr. Kummer prove or retract his charges. The attorney positively refused to retract, and promised to bring evidence of the truth of his assertions formally before the judge. C. A. Douglas mixed in by saying it would be good proof. Justice Fritchard said he would be glad to hear the matter argued at the afternoon session.

Fasteners, 20 Cents.

The other point of interest in the morning session was the placing on the stand of two witnesses who proved that the price paid by the Groffs for the patent fastener was 25 cents apiece. The witnesses were employees of the Wilmington Malleable Iron Company. Each

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WEATHER REPORT.

Warmer weather will prevail during the next thirty-six hours in the Ohio Valley, the lower lake region, and the middle Atlantic States. It will also be warmer in the south Atlantic States, except in Florida. Snow is probable in the lower lake region and the Ohio Valley, and rain in the lower Mississippi Valley.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 6
12 noon 15
1 p. m. 15
2 p. m. 15
High tide today 5:35 p. m.
Sun sets today 7:16 a. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:16 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today..... 5:35 a. m.
High tide tomorrow..... 6:31 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow..... 4:36 a. m., 4:15 p. m.

E. S. DOUGLASS



Associate Counsel for A. W. Machen.

Postmastership Hangs On Present Inquiry

Reappointment of John L. Merritt Depends on Findings as to Conduct in Office--Presi- dent Inclined to Name New Man.

If the investigation now being made into the affairs of the Washington city postoffice develops that the last inquiry produced a true report as to Postmaster Merritt he will not be reappointed, despite the influence of Senator Platt and other New York friends.

If this same investigation shows that Postmaster Merritt was not as culpable as the Bristow report made him out to be, and if there is no formidable candidate from the District of Columbia then Mr. Merritt will be reappointed.

But should a strong, well-accrued, Republican candidate appear in the District, The Times is informed on the best of authority that Mr. Merritt will not be reappointed.

Postmaster General Payne is with Merritt, but the President is not. He believes that the office has not been conducted as it should have been, but in order to give everyone concerned all the credit due them, he has consented to await the new investigation before deciding the fate of the postmaster.

Postmaster General Payne is to retire at the end of his present term, and the announcement that this is so means that the next Roosevelt Cabinet will be entirely new.

The statement that General Payne would retire was made to The Times this morning by a man to whom he has made the statement himself.

"What will General Payne do?" asked the reporter.

"General Payne is a rich man, and will doubtless go back to his business at Milwaukee. He has large interests there, and will go back to attend to them."

Following upon the resignation of sixteen members from the Mary A. Babcock Auxiliary of the Henry W. Lawton Command, Spanish War Veterans, it is now learned that the present separate and distinct from the present auxiliary will very soon be formed, consisting only of blood relatives of veterans.

This organization, it is understood, will be known as the corps auxiliary. It will be recruited from those who are auxiliaries and will be recognized by and work for the seven district commands of Spanish War Veterans, consisting of about 800 members.

It is understood the meeting to perfect the organization will be held some time this week, though those who are promoting the movement do not care to give out definite information at this time. It is said the new organization will be formed by Mrs. George H. Harris, Mrs. Capron, Mrs. George W. Driver, and others.

The trouble in the Mary A. Babcock Auxiliary was due to the fact that the members disagreed over the relations of the chapter to the veterans and the "relief workers." The object of the new organization is to bring the chapter into closer relations with the command of veterans to which they are attached so that more efficient work may be accomplished.

Capt. Lemly to see launching of cruiser.

Capt. Samuel C. Lemly, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, will represent the department at the launching of the cruiser Charleston at Newport News on Saturday, January 23.

Secretary Moody and Assistant Secretary Darling were compelled to decline invitations to attend the launching on account of department matters demanding their attention.

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ISIDOR RAYNER GETS PLURALITY ON FIRST VOTE

Ex-Gov. Smith and Ber- nard Carter Follow in Order Named.

FORCED AN OPEN BALLOT

Organization in Maryland Legislature Is Tempora- rily Defeated.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 19.—The first vote in what is probably one of the most exciting United States Senatorial elections in Maryland was taken this afternoon.

Until Saturday night there were practically two candidates in the field, ex-Governor John Walter Smith and Isidor Rayner, who defended Admiral Schley.

Smith had the pledges of Gorman and the Democratic organization. Saturday, Gorman and other leaders conferred in Washington and it was decided to sidetrack Smith in favor of Bernard Carter, an attorney of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In a caucus last night, in combination with the Rayner forces, Smith obtained an adjournment without action, thus defeating Gorman temporarily and forcing the first vote on the Senatorial question in open session of the legislature.

The first ballot this afternoon resulted in no choice. In the House the vote stood: Smith, 23; Rayner, 3; Carter, 4; Warfield, 1; J. B. Henderson, 2; Jackson, 3; Miles, 3; McComas, 2.

Senate: Smith, 6; Rayner, 4; Carter, 5; Warfield, 1; Jackson, 2; Miles, 1; McComas, 3.

WOLVERINE STATE FOR THE PRESIDENT

Michigan Delegation Pleased With Its Reception at the White House. South Dakota in Line.

"Michigan is for Roosevelt just as surely as it was for McKinley," said Representative William Aiden Smith at the White House today. "The convention will probably be held early in May. The delegates will be instructed for the President."

The Michigan delegation was greatly pleased at its reception at the White House yesterday. It was a great demonstration. We have not the slightest doubt the President will accept the invitation and go to the anniversary exercises at Jackson.

Mr. Smith presented to the President Franz Kahn, president of the State League of Republican Clubs of Michigan, and George A. Marston, of Detroit, president of the Michigan club.

Representative Martin of South Dakota, after a conference with the President today, said South Dakota was unanimous for Roosevelt, the people being pledged with his "wise and vigorous national policies."

He said the delegates would undoubtedly be instructed for the President. While he did not refer to Hanna, he said Roosevelt understood Western men and Western interests better than any prominent American who could be elected to the Presidency.

WILL ATTEMPT TO FORCE IOWA IDEA ON PARTY

Governor Cummins Says He Has Not Dropped Tariff Reform Projects and Will Fight for Them at Chicago.

At talk of Governor Cummins of Iowa having dropped the tariff reform proposition known as the "Iowa idea" seems to have been premature. Governor Cummins announced today that he intended to try and have the idea embodied in the next platform of the party.

The governor is here to confer with the Secretary of War concerning several tablets commemorating the deeds of the Iowa troops in the battle of Shiloh.

There is no truth in the report that we have dropped the tariff reform proposition known as the "Iowa idea," said he. "It is as strong in Iowa today as ever. I expect to be a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and I shall use every endeavor to have the Iowa idea made a part of the platform of our party."

Governor Cummins called on the President in company with Senator Dooliver. He remained but a few minutes and merely paid respects. Iowa politics, he said, was not considered.

NOT MISS PAUNCEFOTE'S BROOCH

The brooch secured by the police a month ago as one having been lost by Miss Pauncefote, daughter of the former British ambassador, proves not to have been the right one.

SENATE MINORITY SPLITS IN CAUCUS ON CANAL ISSUE

Compromise on No Ac- tion Pending Receipt of New Information.

THREE SENATORS FIRM

Agree, However, Not to Favor Treaty in Open Senate.

The Democrats of the Senate today held an important caucus pending over by Senator Gorman, to decide upon the party's further course in relation to the Panama Canal treaty.

The caucus was called because of the announced determination of three Southern Senators to make speeches on the floor of the Senate in favor of the treaty. These Senators are Clay of Georgia, Simmons of North Carolina, and Mallory of Florida, States which will be particularly benefited by a canal, and which have through their Legislature, instructed their Senators to favor the treaty.

Mr. Morgan made the principal speech in the caucus in an effort to rally all the minority Senators in opposition to the treaty. It was apparent, however, that the Democrats cannot defeat the treaty.

The three Senators named agreed to withhold their speeches until a further effort is made to obtain from the State Department and the President the additional information which it has been widely alleged has not yet been furnished the Senate although possessed by the department.

A Composite Resolution.

Meanwhile a committee of three, with Mr. Gorman as chairman, and two colleagues selected by him, will attempt to draft a composite resolution embracing all the principal features of all the Panama resolutions now before the Senate.

An effort will be made to word this resolution so that Republicans cannot object to it on any sufficient ground, and then to force its passage.

ASKS CONSULAR SERVICE IN REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Secretary Shaw today transmitted to the House the request of Secretary Hay for an appropriation to provide for diplomatic service in the Republic of Panama.

Secretary Shaw also transmitted the request of Postmaster General Payne for an urgent deficiency appropriation of \$300,000 for rural free delivery carriers.

He also transmitted the request of the Secretary of the Navy for an appropriation of \$82,200 for dock yards at Olongapo, P. I., including \$50,000 for a coaling plant.

THE SLIPPERIEST DAY IN HALLS OF CONGRESS

Mr. Mann Plays Mean Trick on Father of the House and His Associates.

The Speaker's lobby, directly back of the Hall of Representatives, was transformed this morning into an improvised skating rink. The floor is marble and slippery under ordinary conditions. The morning Representative Mann, a member of the Committee on Commerce, started to go upon the floor of the House carrying several bottles of preserves to be used as exhibits in the discussion of the Hepburn pure food bill.

The swinging door struck him and he dropped a quart bottle of olive oil which quickly spread over the lobby. Now olive oil when spread upon a marble floor makes the said floor decidedly slippery, and the person who attempts to walk upon it is likely to appear "grogy."

General Bingham, the "father of the House," in all his dignity, came along his head high in the air. No sooner had he stepped upon the olive oiled floor than his feet, extremities shot out from under him and the veteran Pennsylvania member struck the floor with a bump which upset his dignity for the moment.

What he said under his breath is not considered as parliamentary language. He picked himself up, however, as sprightly as a young man of twenty and went away to have the olive oil removed from his handsome black Prince Albert coat.

Mr. Cooper, of Wisconsin, was next in line, and he likewise "took a tumble."

Then the doorkeeper stationed guards about the oiled portion of the floor until a scrub woman was summoned. The door was washed and the oil removed.

MERCHANT MARINE BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today authorized a favorable report on the Gardner bill with amendments to create a merchant marine commission.

INTENSE COLD CAUSES DISTRESS IN THE CITIES ALONG THE SEABOARD

Record-Breaking Temperature in New York State, Where Mercury Stands at 50 De- grees Below Zero in Some Places.

TEMPERATURE IN OTHER PLACES.

NEW YORK—MERCURY SHOWS A DOWNWARD TREND. THERMOMETER UP THE STATE REACHES 50 DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN THE METROPOLIS.

BOSTON—RECORD OF JANUARY 18, 1903, SURPASSED. TEMPERATURE SIX BELOW.

REPORTS FROM NEW ENGLAND TELL OF SUFFERING AMONG THE POOR.

PHILADELPHIA—ZERO RECORD. IN SUBURBS THREE AND FOUR BELOW.

BALTIMORE—TEMPERATURE ONE BELOW.

Biting Winds Add to Great Discomfort in Streets of Gotham

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—New York is today having another experience. A very weather sea for a while this morning it looked as though the record of 100 below, made on January 1, would be eclipsed before the day was over.

The mercury started on its downward march yesterday and by 2 o'clock this morning had touched 2 below and was still going down. Then came a slight moderation and the mercury again returned to zero, at which point it stood at 9 o'clock this morning. To add to the discomfort of the extreme cold, a chilling wind is blowing, which cuts through the thickest clothing like a knife.

Reports from New England tell of like cold snaps. In many places in upper New York the thermometer has reached 35 below and even lower. The suffering in New York and New England will be intense among the poor, as many have not fully recovered from the recent cold spell.

All Records Broken.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The mercury in Fulton county started at zero yesterday noon and began to tumble.

At 7 o'clock this morning the records were: Gloversville, 25 below; Johnstown, 25; Northville, 40; Mayfield, 4; and Broad Albin, 22 below, breaking all previous records.

Forty-eight Degrees Below.

MALONE, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The thermometer here this morning registered 30 degrees below zero; 48 below at Saranac Lake; 42 below at Mountain View; 42 below at Ogdensburg; 38 below at Brainardsville, and 30 below at Chateaugay.

Mercury at Forty.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The cold weather in the Herkimer county was broken last night when the thermometer in the Valley registered from 25 to 35 degrees below zero. On the hills the mercury was 40 below.

Forty-seven Degrees at Smith's Basin.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The mercury registered 35 degrees below zero here this morning. Smith's Basin reports 47 below, and Whitehall 38 below.

Record at Rome.

ROME, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The record for low temperature here was reached this morning, when thermometers showed 49 degrees below zero in the city. It was 42 below at Coonrod.

In Mohawk Valley.

FONDA, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The weather in the Mohawk Valley this morning is the coldest in years. The official thermometer this morning registered 39 degrees below at 6 o'clock. Trains are three hours belated, and telegraph and telephone companies are crippled by broken wires. Business is at a standstill.

Cold in Boston Suburbs.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Another cold spell, with the thermometer hugging the zero mark, prevails here. The cold yesterday equaled the best record made for a January 19 since 1875, when 1 above was the lowest. That point was reached at just 10 o'clock last night, and at 2 o'clock this morning it was 4 below zero. Later the mercury fell to 6 below at the weather bureau. At 9 o'clock this morning it was 5 below at the same place.

In the suburbs today temperatures several degrees lower than in the city were reported.

Zero in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—At 6 o'clock this morning the official thermometer at the weather bureau registered zero. In the suburbs it was 3 and 4 degrees below.

Suffering in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—The mercury here this morning stood at 1 degree below zero. There is much suffering among the poor.

HIS LEG FRACTURED.

Thrown from his wagon at Thirteenth and T Streets northwest, William Carter, a negro driver for a laundry, who is twenty-six years old and lives at 803 Twenty-fifth Street northwest, was taken to the Emergency Hospital with a broken leg. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Robert Perkins.

Be sure a bottle of Pico's Cure is kept on hand for sudden colds. All druggists—Adv.

on Awakeners Bitter words Hoped Head Out

The lowest temperature in Washington within the past twenty-four hours was 3 degrees above at 3 o'clock, and no ring, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon it had risen to 19 degrees above.

The Norfolk and Washington steamer Washington was four hours late today, having been delayed by the frozen river, she plowed through forty-five miles of broken ice.

Manager Callaghan had expected to put an extra boat on during the day time to keep the river open. The captain of the Washington, however, reports that the worst is over, and no day boat will be needed.

When residents of Washington took their beds last night they huddled under the covers of the muggy weather man had in store, but at the "cold gray dawn of the morning after" they began to realize that this genial gentleman had his own way with the little bit of mercury in his glass, with the result that Washington awoke to one of the coldest days in its history.

In fact, Washington is today experiencing the coldest day it has known in four years, but the Weather Bureau gives out the reassuring statement that the coldest of the snap is past and tonight will not be as severe as last night.

Three Degrees Above.

When 10 o'clock came last night the temperature was 11 degrees, and from that time the festive bit of mercury in the official glass at the bureau dropped precipitously down, down, down until at 9 o'clock this morning it registered but three degrees above zero. From that hour the cold grip lessened its hold, registering 6 degrees at 9 o'clock; 8 at 10 o'clock; 12 at 11 o'clock; 15 at 12 o'clock, and 18 at 1 p. m. today.

The surprise which awaited folks in Washington was one of little joy. Strict office rules requiring clerks to be at their desks promptly at 9 o'clock were ignored, for every one clung desperately to enticing blankets and comforters as long as they dared. A poke of the nose outside the bed clothes was sufficient to warn even the best-meaning citizen that spring suits were "way out of date."

Water Pipes Freeze.

By a peculiar decree of Fate all things seem to go wrong on just such mornings as this, and one family was heard to actually complain that its hot water pipe had frozen. Freezing cold face plunges were the result, followed by many interpolated and exclusive remarks regarding the man who brought it all about.

DISTRICT DENTAL BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

The bill regulating the practice of dentistry in the District of Columbia and for the protection of the people from empiricism in relation thereto, was called up in the Senate this afternoon by Mr. Stewart of Nevada, and passed. It was amended so as to permit the licensing of dental practitioners of States and Territories who have practiced there for five years or more, and bring proper guarantees of this fact and of their good moral character.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN: NOW IN HOSPITAL

While crossing the bridge over the Eastern Branch early this morning, James Watson, a sixty-three-year-old negro, living at Second and F Streets southwest, was struck by an incoming train. He was carried to Providence Hospital, where it was found that he was seriously injured, though it is thought he will recover.

KOREANS READY TO ATTACK THE FOREIGN LEGATIONS

According to a dispatch from Minister Allen, at Seoul, a panicky condition of affairs prevails in the Korean capital, an attack upon the legations being liable any time.

The Administration believes that at the present time there is a sufficient force of American marines in Korea to insure safety for Americans and property, although Mr. Allen continues to urge an increased guard at Seoul.