

MACHEN BACK FROM PRISON; MET BY CROWD

Curious Throngs Gather At Station to See Former Postoffice Official.

Wife and Daughters Shower Kisses on the Former Official as He Reaches Home.

Without the slightest trace of excitement or emotion, August W. Machen, formerly superintendent of the rural free delivery division of the Postoffice Department, who was convicted of conspiracy in connection with postal frauds in 1904, arrived in Washington, at noon today, a free man.

A score of friends met Machen at the railroad station and pressed about him to offer congratulations and to shake hands with the man who was returning home after serving a sentence of three years and one month for conspiracy in connection with the postal frauds.

Machen received the greetings with a smile, but refused to stop for a moment and, surrounded by two or three intimate friends, he hurried out of the station and into an automobile, which was waiting to convey him to his home at 205 Fifteenth street.

Glad to Be Back.

"I am glad to get back, of course," said Machen happily to the group about him. "I have been away a long time—it seems ages—and now that I am home the past is behind me and I am going to begin all over again. Please excuse me from talking now, though."

At Machen's home there was a scene that for a short time affected Machen so much that he lost control of himself. Although they knew that he would not arrive until about 1 o'clock, Mrs. Machen and her four daughters had been waiting at the windows since early in the morning. The four girls, with their pretty faces, raven black hair and black eyes were dressed with all the care of a mother who was determined that the father's heart would be gladdened at the sight of the children he loved so well, and who had grown amazingly in size and beauty, since he was taken from their side more than three years ago. Each of them wore patent leather shoes, pure white stockings, and pretty pink frocks.

Leap Into Father's Arms.

As the automobile raced up to the door of the house the children, who had been grouped in a window watching for its arrival, rushed down the stairs and leaped into their father's arms. The children, with their arms around Machen, soon affected by the demonstrations of love that had been denied him for so long, was overcome with the happiness which filled his heart. Tears flowed down his cheeks.

Greets His Wife.

Mrs. Machen remained in the vestibule of the house and as soon as her husband could disentangle himself from the clinging children he rushed to her. The friends who accompanied Machen left as soon as he entered the house in order that he might enjoy without interruption the family reunion which has been his dream for the past few days.

Machen had no difficulty in going to sleep soon after he boarded the Baltimore and Ohio train at Mountville. When he turned in for the night the rain was beating against the windows. As soon as he awoke this morning he snatched aside the curtains and the sun lit up his face.

"That's a fine beginning," said Machen enthusiastically.

During the long ride the former Postoffice official said little of his future plans further than he had outlined just prior to his release from the penitentiary.

Begins Life Anew.

"I am going to begin life anew," he said, "and shall remain in Washington. That is my home. The people there know me and I believe that I will be given a square deal when I once more

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

For the last few days there has been a steady flow of warm surface air from the South toward the Ohio valley and the middle Atlantic States. This drift of warm air has now reached the middle Atlantic States, where it will soon be checked by a shift of the wind to the northwest, with lower temperatures. The kite observations at Mt. Weather, Va., Friday showed a temperature at 7,000 feet above sea level of 64 degrees, or 22 degrees warmer than at the mountain top. In the far Northwest an area of high pressure and zero temperature has appeared. Rain or snow has fallen in the Northeastern States, elsewhere the weather has been fair.

For tonight the weather will be fair in all portions of the Washington forecast district, except along the lower Lakes, where light snow is probable. It will be colder tonight in the middle Atlantic States and the northern portion of the south Atlantic States.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be fresh to brisk northwesterly, on the south Atlantic coast fresh westerly, and on the Gulf coast light and variable.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh southwesterly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 45
10 58
11 63
12 64

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 6:24
Sun sets 6:59

TIDE TABLE.

Low water today, 6:25 p. m.
High water tomorrow, 12:12 a. m., 12:37 p. m.
Low water tomorrow, 6:41 a. m., 7:30 p. m.

Robbers Taken in Battle With New Jersey Farmers; Trio Blows Open Two Safes

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Three daring yegmen, who blew open two postoffice safes, robbed a liverman of a team, and engaged in a running fight for half an hour with an armed posse, cut a wide swath through a peaceful twenty-five miles stretch of New Jersey today before they were run to earth, two of them probably fatally shot.

The men were captured after a pitched battle in a swamp by pursuing farmers, who riddled them with buckshot. The yeggs first appeared shortly after midnight at Fredericktown, about thirty miles from Camden.

They stole a fast team of horses and a light wagon from J. B. Gaventa's livery stable, and also helped themselves to a supply of his blankets and drove up to the postoffice.

The charge of nitroglycerin used in blowing the safe shattered the building, and set fire to the structure. The robbers gathered up \$200 in cash, a number of stamps, and drove away. Citizens turned their attention to saving the postoffice, which allowed the robbers to escape.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the trio appeared in Bridgeport. Their team was exhausted by the long hard drive, but this did not deter the men from an attack on the postoffice. Again a powerful charge of nitroglycerin wrecked the safe.

Postmaster Brown lived above the office, and the explosion threw the entire family out of bed. Brown rushed downstairs to find himself covered by three revolvers. The thieves drove him back, looted the ruined safe of \$300 in stamps and money, and started out again with the tired team. A few men took up the pursuit, but they were outdistanced.

An alarm was telephoned to Woodbury, and Policeman Merchant was waiting for the trio. He began a pistol duel with the thieves, causing them to desert their wagon. Bloodstains along their trail showed one of the men had been hurt. A posse was organized, but soon lost the trail.

By this time the alarm had been telephoned all over the county. When three men were discovered heading across the fields near Wendenah, forty farmers quickly joined in the hunt for them. One of the men was half carried along by his companions and this delayed their flight. The fugitives were finally run down in a swamp. Fully one hundred shots were exchanged. Two of the robbers went down.

One of the men escaped again, but two hours later was run down and captured. Both of the injured were literally peppered with shot. Only one would give his name. He said it was William McCoy. He was committed to jail in Woodbury.

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INDORSE HUGHES AT MEETING OF STATE MACHINE

New York Committee Lauds Roosevelt and Booms Governor for the Presidency.

State Convention Called To Meet at Buffalo April 11 and Elect Delegates.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Republican State Convention, which elected four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the National Convention at Chicago, will meet in Carnegie Hall, New York city, April 11, at 11 o'clock. The call was issued at a meeting of the Republican State committee today.

Strong resolutions were adopted calling for the nomination of Charles E. Hughes as the Presidential candidate.

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Duchess of Marlborough Arrives From England



DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, Who Landed in New York Today on the Steamer Lucania From Liverpool.

May Study Socialism During Visit to Her Mother.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, daughter of William K. Vanderbilt, was a passenger on the Cunard Line steamer Lucania, which arrived today from Liverpool.

Her name did not appear on the passenger list, but soon after the vessel left Queenstown it became pretty generally known that she was on board.

It was said that the main object of the duchess flying trip was to see her mother, Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, though she may make further sociological studies at the Tombs and Ellis island.

Cable dispatches from London say that Consuelo, since her separation from the Duke of Marlborough, has become deeply interested in theories of socialism, and that the leaders of England's Social Democratic Federation have hopes that she will become one of them.

NAVY INVESTIGATION REOPENS NEXT WEEK

Fifteen Officers Will Testify To Substantiate Sims' Statements.

Inquiry into the charges against the navy, which is being conducted by the Senate Naval Committee, will be resumed next week.

When Commander Sims made his startling statements regarding the inefficiency of the navy, the improper location of the main armor belt on American battleships; the lack of safety precautions about the ammunition hoists and the poor shooting at Santiago, he declared that he could name a number of officers who would substantiate his testimony. The committee invited him to do so, with the result that fifteen naval officers will be subpoenaed and asked to give their views.

The testimony of these officers is being looked forward to by officials of the department with marked interest. Heading the list is Rear Admiral Caspar E. Goodrich, commander of the New York Navy Yard, who for a number of years has made recommendations to the department for the improvement of the methods of construction, the personnel, and the bureau system. These reports have been shoved into pigeonholes of the department, is Admiral Goodrich himself has complained.

This list, it is understood, was compiled by Commander Sims upon receiving from each officer named, either in person or by letter or telegram, expressions indicating their thorough accord with his views as expressed before the Senate Committee. Several of them have bitterly denounced the methods employed by the committee in the examination of the commander.

PRIEST'S SURPLICE ON FIRE; SHOWS PRESENCE OF MIND

The Rev. Father Tenderf, S. J., of Georgetown University, narrowly averted what might have been a serious fire in the Convent of Perpetual Adoration yesterday afternoon, during the services of the first Friday of the month. Father Tenderf was preaching. He leaned unconsciously too near the altar, and his surplice caught fire from one of the altar candles.

The priest quickly lifted the surplice over his head, crushed out the blaze with his hand, and threw the garment aside. He continued his sermon before the congregation scarcely realizing what had happened.

Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."—Adv.

JAPS SEND ULTIMATUM TO CHINESE

Surrender of Steamer and Indemnity Demanded.

Mikado Will Consider No Propositions From Celestials.

Note Sent After Full Deliberation by Cabinet.

TOKYO, March 7.—The Mikado has sent a demand to Pekin for immediate surrender of the Tatsu Maru, the Japanese steamer recently seized by China for smuggling arms to Chinese rebels, for an ample apology, and for full indemnity.

It is made clear that neither delay nor further counter propositions will be tolerated. If the demand is refused China is warned that Japan will act at once.

The message amounts to an ultimatum. It followed a meeting of the cabinet, and may be accepted as deliberate, and the result of consideration by the entire government.

Unless China yields there seems no alternative but war.

China Will Fight Now, Is Opinion of British; Count on Jap Stringency

LONDON, March 7.—The action of the Japanese ministry in sending what amounts to an ultimatum to China caused little surprise here today in diplomatic circles.

There is a chance, it is thought, that China will yield, but British government officials incline rather to the opinion that the Pekin government, believing hostilities inevitable sooner or later, will deem this as good a time as any for a trial of arms.

It is realized that China cannot fail to appreciate how far she is outclassed by Japan as a military power. She undoubtedly counts, however, on the Mikado's present financial embarrassment to guarantee her against a prolonged campaign and probably regards the chances at least even that Tokyo, realizing the acuteness of the Japanese stringency, does not really mean to fight at all, but is simply trying to frighten the Celestial Empire into a surrender which will strengthen the Tokyo cabinet, and correspondingly weaken the prestige of the Chinese.

The elder statesmen's policy of delay is criticized here as the world's sympathy is with China, and Japan is in no condition for war, is not considered particularly reassuring.

It is pointed out that the Tatsu matter is regarded as nothing more than a pretext for Japanese pressure upon the Chinese, not much attention is paid to diplomatic assurances that the dispute is too trivial to warrant hostilities.

United States Will Offer Good Offices if War Comes

Although the present development in the situation between China and Japan over the seizure of the Tatsu warrants no interference on the part of outside powers, it is not unlikely that the United States would willingly tender its good offices looking toward a settlement of the drifting in case actual hostilities should be threatened.

The State Department is watching the dispute with close interest. It is extremely probable that if the incident should lead to war, Japan should make it the occasion for acquiring Chinese territory, the foreign powers would intervene.

The question at issue now appears to be one of fact if it is as Japan represents, she is held here to be justified in her demands upon China.

It is not believed that Japan will force the issue without an investigation by an impartial tribunal for the sake of showing her prestige in the Western World. China has already indicated that this would be acceptable.

MAYFLOWER FAST; SHE MAY BE DAMAGED

NORFOLK, Va., March 7.—Although six tugs are working hard to get her afloat, the converted yacht Mayflower is still fast on Thimble Light shoal. It is feared she has been badly damaged.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED; OTHERS BARELY ESCAPE

BRUCTON MILLS, Pa., March 7.—Jenny Verbeke, three years old, was burned to death, and several others had narrow escapes in a fire which today destroyed a double house occupied by several Belgian families.

A bucket brigade was formed, and prevented the flames from spreading. The price of the fire insurance

ROSSITER'S NAME GOES TO SENATE EARLY NEXT WEEK

Unions Will Make Strong Fight Against Appointment as Printer.

The President will, it is understood, send the nomination of W. S. Rossiter as Public Printer, to the Senate early next week.

Mr. Rossiter's appointment is not to be permanent, it is said by those who have talked with the President on the subject.

When Mr. Rossiter finishes putting in effect a number of reforms that he deems necessary and has put the big printing shop into thorough working order it is his wish to return to his place in the Census Bureau.

The President has had a number of talks with Mr. Rossiter on the subject, and has indicated his desire to make him Public Printer for the remainder of his term of office, but Mr. Rossiter has told the President that he greatly prefers the work at the Census Bureau and has asked to be relieved of the Printing Office job as soon as the President can find a suitable man to take his place.

From the statements of Chairman Platt and Senator Elkins, of the Printing Committee of the Senate, to representatives of labor organizations, it would seem that there is considerable doubt as to the wisdom of the appointment, because of Mr. Rossiter's inexperience as a practical printer.

Headed by Delegate Feeney, president of the Bricklayers' Union, who consistently fought Public Printer Stillings, a committee of the Central Labor Union called upon the Printing Committee of the Senate with a view of furthering the plan of having a union man appointed Public Printer. Both Senators say, and the labor Elkins committee says, that they have no assurance that if Mr. Rossiter had not had practical experience and was not a practical printer in the sense of the law, he would not be confirmed by the Senate if it could prevent it.

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Mrs. Yost is an old resident of Anacostia, and the family is highly respected. As she was unable to give a good description of the man, the police have little hope of apprehending him.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The conference set for today between Commissioner of Labor Neill, Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and officials and employees of the Southern railway, who will seek to reach an agreement upon the wage reduction the Southern proposes making, has been postponed until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

At that time Mr. Neill and members of the commission, appealed to by the Southern railway as a mediation board, will hold the preliminary conference with President Finley, General Manager Acker, and possibly other Southern officials. A conference with the employees themselves, comprising the engineers, firemen, machinists, and other trades, will be held at a subsequent date not yet decided.

The conference was postponed today on account of it being inconvenient for some of the railroad officials to be present. Pending the hoped for adjustment of the wage differences, it is understood that the Southern will not enforce the proposed 10 per cent reduction, and in consequence, there is no probability of a strike.

A number of other roads in the South which have proposed like reduction on wages advertising in—sometimes, PERHAPS.

BOY'S BRAVERY PROTECTS MOTHER FROM A BURGLAR

Frightens Off Negro Trying to Enter Window of Her Room.

Through the bravery of her twelve-year-old son, a negro burglar was thwarted in his effort to enter the home of Mrs. Lillian Yost, 521 Nichols avenue, Anacostia, early this morning. Mrs. Yost and her young daughter, who were in the room which the negro attempted to enter, are confined to their home today, suffering from the shock.

Mrs. Yost's husband is dead. She and her two children are the sole occupants of the house. About 12:30 o'clock this morning, mother and daughter were preparing to retire, after attending a party given by some friends. Their room looks out upon a narrow alley.

As Mrs. Yost started to put out the light, she looked out the window and saw a negro endeavoring to open it. Screaming, she fell to the floor in a swoon. Her daughter, who is a beautiful girl, saw the man, and was terrorized.

Frightened by Bedside.

The woman's scream aroused her son. The boy's appearance in the room did not frighten the negro, who persisted in his efforts to open the window. Taking a slat from the bed, the boy started for the window, intending to fight if the negro attacked his mother and sister. This, apparently, frightened the man, as he ran out of the alley. Neighbors were summoned to the house and the Anacostia police notified.

A search was instituted for the negro, and several men who live in the neighborhood spent the rest of the night in the hunt.

The police were at first inclined to believe that Mrs. Yost had been dreaming, and that there had really been no attempt to break into the house, but the other members of the family corroborated her story.

Man Looked Like Fiend.

In speaking of her experience this morning, she said:

"I never saw such a horrible face in my life. The man looked like the worst kind of fiend. He had small jet black eyes that seemed to shine with an unnatural luster.

"He was not daunted in the least when he discovered that I was looking at him. He continued to pry at the window, making every possible effort to get into my room. I have never seen anything so horrible in my life. I was completely overcome by the sight, and I have not gotten over the shock yet. In fact, I feel as though that fact will remain with me always."

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ANNA GOULD DENIES STORY OF MARRIAGE

PARIS, March 7.—Mme. Anna Gould, authorized an absolute denial this afternoon of the story of her alleged marriage to Prince de Sagan in Germany or elsewhere.

Count Bont, her former husband, has consented to his children's temporary absence from France, and the mother says she will take them to the United States for a three months' visit.

NEARLY SCORE INJURED WHEN TRAIN ROLLS OVER

KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Burlington train, No. 4, which left Kansas City for Chicago at 7:30 o'clock this morning, is ditched near Kearney, Clay county, Mo. All the physicians in Kearney have been sent to the scene. The train is composed of chair cars and coaches.

No one was killed, but from fifteen to eighteen were injured. Three cars and the engine turned over on a fifteen-foot bank, when a rail broke.

What Congress Did

IN THE HOUSE.

The House considered bills on the private calendar. James B. Reynolds, assistant secretary of the Treasury, spoke before the Committee on Ways and Means for a bill increasing salaries in the customs service.

The special committee investigating the Lilly case decided to begin the inquiry next Monday.

Memorial services were held in the House today in honor of the late Representative Campbell Sloop (Rep., Va.).

No session until Monday.

Florida and Carolina Resorts.

Best reached by Seaboard Air-Line Ry. Three daily trains. Office 1422 Pa. Ave.—Adv.

TODAY'S CALLERS AT WHITE HOUSE

Senators Borah of Idaho, Flint of California, Piles of Washington, Smoot of Utah, Beveridge of Indiana, Dixon of Montana, Burkett of Nebraska.

Representatives Eech of Wisconsin, Wilson of Illinois, Brick of Indiana, Humphreys of Mississippi, Butler of Pennsylvania, Allen of Maine, Howell of Utah, Sloop of Virginia, Mann of Illinois, McKinney of Illinois.

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