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## HITCHCOCK PROUD OF HIS DEPARTMENT; NO CHANGES NEEDED

Postoffice Employees Are Hustlers, Says Secretary At Beverly.

## TAFT IS CERTAIN TO KEEP BALLINGER

Knows Interior Head Gave Up All "Outside" Connections Before Entering Cabinet.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.  
BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 15.—While the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington is just emerging from the clerical shake-up given by Secretary Nagel and the Treasury Department is being overhauled by an investigating committee, the Postoffice Department is in such excellent shape that there will be no clerical changes in it at all. This was announced here today by Postmaster General Hitchcock, who will return to Washington tonight, arriving there early in the morning.

Mr. Hitchcock said the clerks in his department keep right up to the minute with their work and hustle along with business to such an extent that he has no criticism to make of them.

Work Is Pressing.  
He explained that the business of the Postoffice Department is always so pressing that it has to be done on the minute, as each branch of the service is in a great degree dependent on the others. For this reason, he said, it is frequently the case that the employees have to work overtime and clerks who are so hard worked as to be compelled to put in overtime will not permit any loafers in their midst.

It is for this reason that Mr. Hitchcock, after investigating the matter, has found that there is no necessity for a shake-up in any of the branches under him. In this way, the Postoffice Department gets the first clean bill of health given to any Executive Department since this Administration began. Practically every other department is due for a shake-up in the near future. Changes in salary lists. None of these things will be visited on the men and women who work for Hitchcock. The Department of Commerce and Labor is not yet through with its changes.

Investigation On.  
The investigating committee of three assistant secretaries is at work on the Treasury Department. Secretary Ballinger has made up his mind to have a house cleaning in the Interior Department within a few days. There will be a re-arranging of the clerks in the State, War and Navy Departments by the estimates sent into the next session of Congress and there will be changes in the Department of Agriculture according to the present plans. Such a situation makes it impossible for Postmaster General Hitchcock to make any more impressive.

In connection with the attacks made by Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, on Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, and the charges insinuated against Mr. Ballinger in certain quarters, it can be authoritatively stated today that before accepting the portfolio of the interior department, Mr. Ballinger severed every business relation he had which might in any way make his holding of the position questionable.

He went so far in his conscientious sacrifice of personal interests that his friends asked him to resign, but he preferred to place himself in such a position that there could be no legitimate criticism of him.

## First War Pictures From Scene of Spanish Trouble



SPANISH SOLDIERS BUILDING INTRENCHMENTS.

## MOTHER KILLS SELF AND THREE BABIES

Chicago Woman Broods Over Ill Health—Tailor Cuts His Throat.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 15.—Taking her three youngest children, Lottie and Jimmy, twins, three years old, and Joseph, four years old, into the bathroom early today, Mrs. Marie Handzel, 2840 South Sawyer avenue, mother of seven children, looked the door, closed the windows and turned on the gas.

James Handzel, the father, discovered the dead bodies when he went to the bathroom this morning. Finding the door locked and smelling gas he broke into the room.

Mrs. Handzel had been in ill health for some time and a few days ago her malady was pronounced incurable. Brooding over this it is supposed to have driven her insane.

Very soon after this tragedy came to the notice of the police, another dramatic case was reported when Marion Sarankie, awakened by the screams of her father, Joseph Sarankie, thirty-eight years old, a tailor, rushed from her bedroom into the sitting room of her home at 248 Poplar avenue early today, to find that her father had slashed his throat with a razor.

He was rushed to the hospital where no hopes are held out for his recovery. Sarankie's wife died about a year ago and since that time he has been despondent.



THE MOROCCAN MINISTER TO SPAIN AND HIS OFFICIALS.

## CHINATOWN FLOWER, BOW KIM, MURDERED

Pretty Celestial Maid Found Dead in New York—Chin Len Arrested.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Bow Kim, youngest and prettiest of all the Chinese maids in New York, was murdered early this morning at her home at 17 Mott street.

Locked up in the Elizabeth street station with a policeman watching that he does not wash a stain of blood from his finger, is an Americanized Chinaman, Chin Len, sweetheart of the murdered woman. He is not charged with the crime, but held as a material witness.

The police say that Bow Kim was a friend of Elsie Sigel, granddaughter of Gen. Franz Sigel, murdered and hidden in a trunk some months ago. They believe that some connection may be found in this murder and the murder of the young Sigel girl by Leon Ling.

Bow Kim's murder was a cruel one. She was found lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Beside her was a hand-some nine-inch hunting knife with a discolored blade. There was a jagged wound in her breast.

## ALL JAPAN SHAKEN BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Fifty Known Dead and Many Injured—Panic Follows.

TOKYO, Aug. 15.—Fifty persons were killed and 100 injured in the severe earthquake yesterday afternoon throughout central Japan.

Nagoa, one of the chief cities affected, was badly damaged.

A great panic followed the shocks there, and a number of the dead are still in the street.

Remarkable scenes marked the shock throughout the Shiga prefecture, several of the inhabitants committing suicide in the belief that the end of the world was near. The exact loss of life is unknown, owing to the interruption of railways and telegraphs.

## "REDS" ADVANCING READY FOR BATTLE

First Clash in Bloodless War Around the Hub Due Tomorrow.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 15.—The war is on in earnest and from now on for one week the armies of the Blue and Red, comprising over 17,000 men, will battle in the bloodless conflict. Southeastern Massachusetts this morning is alive with the soldiers of both armies, who at 8:30 started their battle lines toward each other.

No conflict is expected today as the armies of the Blue and Red cannot possibly cover before 1 o'clock, the time when all operation must cease, according to the rules of the game, the intervening miles between the two forces.

By noon it is expected that the Reds, under Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, and the Blues, commanded by Brig. Gen. William A. Brew, will be within striking distance of each other and that the rival camps will be pitched to wait the dawn of tomorrow, when the first real battle will take place.

One of the striking features of the Blue Army encampment this morning just before sunrise was to see Commander-in-Chief of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Gov. Eben S. Draper, accompanied by Lieut. Gov. Louis A. Frothingham, Adjutant General Brigham and his personal aide, Maj. Phil Sears, go from regiment to regiment in their final inspection of the line of defense.

## HARRIMAN ARRIVES AT MUNICH TODAY

Railroad Magnate Rides in Special, and Is in Best of Health.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—E. H. Harriman arrived here this noon from Munich, traveling in a special car attached to the Orient express.

He was met at the station by several friends, one of whom accompanied him home.

Harriman was looking well and told a Munsey News Service correspondent he never felt better.

## BLAZE ON LUCANIA FINALLY PUT OUT

Fire Aboard Big Liner Does Damage Amounting to \$75,000.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 15.—The fire discovered on the Lucania while at the repair dock late last night was extinguished today after entailing a loss estimated at \$75,000.

## NEGRO SHOTS TWO AND THEN HIMSELF

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 15.—Morning shooting, a negro laborer, this morning shot and fatally wounded his wife, who had left him, sending four bullets into her body.

He then shot and slightly wounded Officer J. T. Marshall, who attempted to arrest him after a long chase.

Handing was surrounded and shot himself in the head, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

TRAIN KILLS TWO GIRLS.  
IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., Aug. 15.—Christina Semanek and Bertha Yuhary, young girls, were going berry picking yesterday, and took a short cut over the Menominee railroad bridge. A train caught them midway over, and both were thrown off and killed.

## EXTERMINATE MOORS, IS ALFONSO'S ORDER

Spanish King Tells General Marina to Show No Quarter to Enemy.

MADRID, Aug. 15.—By order of the King, General Marina, the Spanish commander at Melilla, tomorrow will take the offensive against the Moors, supported by the Spanish fleet.

General Marina has been instructed to show no quarter and if necessary to exterminate the warlike Riff tribes.

The report is current that Mulai Han, Sultan of Morocco, has sent Spain and the other powers an important note bearing on the Melilla conflict.

## RUSSIAN STUDENTS TRY TO ROB PRINCESS

Unsuccessful Attempt Results in One Suicide—Other Man Is Captured.

MOSCOW, Aug. 15.—An unsuccessful attempt was made here to rob the Princess Shahovskoye, one of the richest women in Moscow. The robbers succeeded in getting into the apartment of the princess, but were put to flight by the servants.

The police gave chase to the two men engaged in the attempted robbery, and finally captured one after wounding him. The other committed suicide when he saw that he could not escape. The suicide was identified as a student of the University of Moscow.

## HARRIS MAY THROW LIGHT ON MURDER OF HENSON POOLE

Officials Think Boy Who Attacked Aunt Knows Something of the Crime.

WAS ONE OF THE LAST TO SEE MAN ALIVE

Think Victim Was Killed Outside, and His Body Dragged Into Home.

Slowly collecting fact after fact, groping through all the veil of mystery that shrouds the case, authorities of Montgomery county, Md., today believe that they are facing one of the most remarkable crimes that ever has stained the good name of Montgomery, for between the assault upon Mrs. Clara Harris by her own nephew, Ollie Harris, just a few days ago, and the killing of Henson Poole they would make a connecting link.

Ollie Harris, the nineteen-year-old boy, who is in the Rockville jail, the self-confessed assailant of his aunt, is today the man upon whom the eye of the authorities turn. Harris, they believe, knows something about the death of Poole. Poole was found dead yesterday evening in a farmhouse on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. His body was wrapped in a bed quilt and was hidden in a closet. Three bullet wounds showed the way death came, and the coroner's jury made the non-committal verdict of murder by party or parties unknown.

Developments Come Fast.  
Developments in the Poole murder came fast today after the assault on Mrs. Harris was almost forgotten in view of the more horrible crime. Ollie Harris, evidently recovered from the fright of yesterday, when interviewed at the Rockville jail, disclaims any knowledge of the Poole crime. He saw Poole last in Georgetown on July 24, he said.

At that time, the latter had a big roll with him. He thought Poole was a good fellow and did not know that he had any enemies.

On the other hand, Montgomeryans say that Poole was attentive to a sister of Ollie Harris. They declare that he had been known to pay some attentions to the girl.

The reports that Poole was married to a daughter of Mrs. Clara Harris have proved untrue. He was married to a Washington girl with whom he lived only for a few weeks. The girl's parents, it is asserted, then made her leave him.

## TWIN CITIES READY FOR LETTER CARRIERS

Minneapolis and St. Paul to Enter-tain Postal Employees August 30.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 15.—Arrangements are being completed for the entertainment of the National Association of Letter Carriers, which will hold its national convention, beginning August 30. It is expected that 2,500 delegates and visitors will be attracted to the Twin Cities by the meeting. A parade will be given on the afternoon of the opening day.

There will be bands from Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Duluth, and Superior, Monday evening a reception will be held at the Auditorium at which it is expected that Postmaster General Hitchcock will speak.

## TRIPS TOWARD SKY COST \$100 EACH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 15.—When the South St. Louis Aero Club's equipment of balloons is complete, the flat rate for sky tourists will be \$20.

The tariffs will be arranged so that each member of a party of five will pay \$20 to ride in the largest balloon.

## BLOODSHED FEARED ON ISLAND OF CRETE

Intervening Powers May Be Able To End Trouble Without Fighting.

CANEA, Crete, Aug. 15.—That the powers may not succeed next week on the ending of the trouble in Crete without bloodshed, by forcibly removing the Greek flag, was indicated by the action last night of a band of armed peasants who occupied the fortress as the chamber of deputies arrived for a meeting and threatened to shoot members if an attempt was made to remove the flag.

## SELLS MEN COCAINE; MUST LEAVE STATE

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Aug. 15.—L. P. Thompson, a contractor, has been convicted of selling cocaine to his employees. He agreed to leave the county if allowed to go with a fine.

Thompson had been engaged in road work for the county and, according to the testimony, would give the cocaine to the workmen and charge it to their accounts.

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