

THE INDICTED MEN.

Official Statement Regarding Alleged Postal Frauds.

Some of the Men Are Charged With Conspiracy to Bribe An Officer of the United States—Letter Box Contract.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The names of those indicted by the federal grand jury a few days ago in connection with postal frauds were made public Friday. They are Beavers, Machen, Erwin, McGrehan, Huntington and Scheble.

The official statement regarding the indictments follows. "The indictment against Beavers, Machen and Erwin alleges in substance that the Postal Device and Improvement Co., of San Francisco, formerly the Montague Indicator and Letter Box Co., by resolution of October 6, 1899, set aside 10,000 shares of its stock, to be used in any legitimate way its president might think proper in forwarding the interests of the company. Armed with this authority, the president, Daniel S. Richardson, accompanied by Erwin, came to Washington. Erwin was then a post office inspector and the company was composed almost entirely of post office employes in the west. Erwin introduced Richardson to all the post office officials at Washington and Beavers, Machen, Heath and others examined the device. As a result an order for equipping 2,089 letter boxes with the device was secured.

"The indictment against McGrehan, Huntington and Machen alleges that McGrehan was the person interested in the profits from certain contracts from the United States for furnishing package boxes from July 1, 1893, to June 1, 1897; that in pursuance of a scheme to defraud the United States, Machen recommended to his superiors that the compensation of the contractor be increased in payment for attaching a different support to the boxes which raised them higher from the ground. This scheme was put through and afterwards, when Huntington became interested in the contracts with McGrehan, they continued to receive the extra compensation. The indictment is in ten counts.

"The other indictment against McGrehan, Huntington and Machen is in 15 counts, on the same facts as set forth in the first indictment, these being conspiracy to bribe an officer of the United States.

"The indictments against McGrehan and Huntington for bribery alleges that Machen procured the payment of \$1.25 on each of the package boxes, additional to the contractor, for the device which lifted them higher from the ground, when the sum paid for that attachment should not have exceeded 75 cents. McGrehan agreed to pay Machen 50 cents from each \$1.25, with the concurrence of Huntington, who was then interested in the contracts with McGrehan as the Columbia Supply Co., for his own personal use.

"The indictment against Scheble and Machen alleges that Eugene D. Scheble, of Toledo, O., became interested with the firm of Maybury & Ellis, of Detroit, of which town Maybury is the mayor, in securing contracts with the United States for purchasing letter boxes. That in pursuance of their scheme to defraud the government, Machen induced the department to order large quantities of letter boxes for the rural free delivery service; quantities far in excess of what was needed or what could be used; and that Machen, in his official capacity, approved the bills for the same."

PACKING PLANT STRIKE.

Twelve Hundred Men Are Out and Business is at a Standstill.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 11.—A general strike was ordered at the Nelson Morris packing plant in South St. Joseph at noon Thursday and the plant was practically at a standstill Thursday afternoon. The trouble was caused by the refusal of the superintendent to discharge a fireman who was charged with being unfair to union workmen. Twelve hundred men are out.

Sleep Walker Mistaken For a Burglar.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 11.—While walking in her sleep Thursday morning, Fannie Soper was taken for a burglar and shot in the side by John Hubetka, a saloonkeeper. She was severely wounded.

Elected Life Members.

Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 11.—Lord Chylesmore and Capt. Barlow, of the council of the National Rifle association of Great Britain, were elected life members of the National Rifle association of America at the annual meeting of that organization.

Rr. Adm. Casey Retired.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Rr. Adm. Casey, recently detached from command of the Pacific squadron, was retired Friday on account of age, after nearly 47 years active service. Capt. Chas. J. Barclay will become a rear admiral.

Use of Colors in Butter Making.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 12.—W. W. P. McConnell, state dairy commissioner, has issued an order, effective January 1 next, forbidding the use of aniline or coal tar colors for butter making. This action is taken under the new state pure food law.

Squirrel Hunter's Bad Aim.

Lancaster, S. C., Sept. 12.—While hunting squirrels in Chester county with his young grandson Friday morning, Maj. J. M. Riddle, one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Review, accidentally shot and killed the boy.

FLORIDA HURRICANE.

Much Damage to Shipping and Other Property Was Wrought.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 14.—Beginning Friday morning on the east coast and Saturday morning on the west and lasting 24 hours, South Florida has been swept by the strongest hurricane known in that part of the state. The wires went down at the beginning and railroad service was delayed. On that account no details reached here until Sunday. Even now they are incomplete.

At Miami the wind attained a velocity of 65 miles an hour. The car shed of the East Coast railroad was lifted from its foundations, clear of the cars that were under it, and demolished. Several small boats were sunk in the bay. Passengers on the East Coast train which arrived Sunday night report that they saw many wrecks along the shore from Miami to Hobbes sound. There is one four-masted and one three-masted schooner and several smaller vessels. Their names are not known. A Standard Oil Co. steamer with two barges is on the beach near Boynton. The crew of 15 men was saved. Bodies of two unknown white men drifted on the beach near Boynton. At Stuart 15 acres of pineapple sheds were blown down. At Jupiter the wind blew 75 miles an hour with the rain falling in torrents.

Taking a day in crossing the peninsula the storm struck Tampa Saturday morning soon after attaining a velocity of 70 miles an hour and raged all day. The roofs of the Almeria and DeSoto hotels were blown off. Several cigar factories were badly damaged at Ybor City and several buildings were unroofed. In Tampa the Hampton block was unroofed and six small dwellings were blown down. No loss of life is reported. The streets are a tangle of wires. Street lines made no effort to run cars. The wires leading from Tampa in all directions are down and the city is in total darkness.

Other places on the west coast and in the interior have not been heard from and it is feared that when reports come in the damage will be vastly increased. The orange and grape fruit crops have been greatly injured.

The wires west of Madison went down at 9 o'clock Sunday night indicating that the storm is now raging in Middle Florida.

A PLANTER KILLED.

Furnifold G. Simmons Found Dead on His Plantation.

Newbern, N. C., Sept. 14.—Furnifold G. Simmons, father of Senator F. M. Simmons, was killed Saturday on his plantation a few miles from Pollockville, Jones county. He had been missing since Saturday morning. The body was found near a river bank. Mr. Simmons had been shot several times with a shotgun. Bruises about the head indicated that he was clubbed also. Mr. Simmons was a quiet man, about 75 years old. The cause of the killing is unknown. A Negro of the name of Daniels has been arrested as the slayer. Another account from Pollockville says that Mr. Simmons was killed by a trespasser who was squirrel hunting on his land and whom Mr. Simmons went after when he heard the shooting.

KILLED ON THE STREET.

Dr. A. R. Harmanson Shot Charles Medicis at Opelousas, La.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 14.—Dr. A. R. Harmanson shot and killed Charles Medicis Sunday morning, using a Winchester rifle. Medicis was passing on the street when the fatal shot was fired, he being unarmed. Dr. Harmanson surrendered to the sheriff. He claims that Medicis is the author of several anonymous letters attacking the reputation of members of his family. Medicis was prominent, as is Dr. Harmanson.

TUNNEL CAVED IN.

One Man Dead, Two Hurt and Ten or Twelve Missing.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 14.—By a cave-in at the Green Tree tunnel of the Wash railroad in Green Tree borough late Saturday night one man was killed, two hurt and ten or twelve laborers are missing. Fellow workmen believe the missing are buried under the ten feet of coal, slate, rock and other debris that chokes the tunnel for a distance of 55 feet.

Struck By Lightning.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—The top of the massive porch at the front of the executive mansion was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon during a storm. The bolt of lightning was a terrific one, and two great balls of fire seemed to fall from the porch. Gov. Yates thought the porch had caught fire and telephoned for the fire department. The fire marshal and a part of the fire department answered the summons but could find no fire. The bolt of lightning was one of the most terrifying ever witnessed in this city.

Newspaper Man to Be Prosecuted.

Panama, Sept. 14.—Rodolfo Gguilera, the first newspaper man to publish articles in favor of the secession of the Isthmus of Panama, is to be prosecuted. It is currently reported that 2,000 federal troops are coming to the isthmus.

Non-Union Miner Assassinated.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Charles Marsh, a non-union miner employed by the Tennessee Coal Co. at Briceville, Tenn., was assassinated in his home Saturday night by an unknown man. The officers have no clew.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

Pennsylvania Convicts Alleged Making Spurious Coins.

The Fact Was Discovered While Investigating Gross Irregularities in the Cigar Department of the Eastern Penitentiary.

Philadelphia, Sept. 14.—Following closely upon the exposure of gross irregularities in the cigar department of the eastern state penitentiary came the public announcement Sunday night that the illegal coinage of minor silver pieces has been carried on by convicts in the big institution. No details of the counterfeiting scheme can be learned from any of the officials connected with the prison or from the government officers that have been assigned to the case. The fact that such a daring scheme had been carried on in the penitentiary was made public by George Vaux, jr., one of the prison inspectors, who summoned newspaper men to his home and voluntarily made the disclosure.

He gave out a brief statement which is as follows: "Dr. W. D. Robinson and Mr. Vaux, jr., who are at present the visiting inspectors on duty at the eastern penitentiary, made the statement that there has come to their official knowledge that within a short time an attempt has been made by certain convicts now confined in the penitentiary to manufacture counterfeit silver coins. But a few pieces were made and a number of these have come into the possession of the inspectors together with the metals and chemicals used, the attempt thus being nipped in the bud. The evidence in the case is not yet complete but all that has been secured has been submitted to the United States authorities."

Mr. Vaux refused absolutely to give any more details than contained in his statement. From other sources, however, it was learned that dimes, quarters and half dollars were the coins manufactured. The discovery was made several days ago and United States secret service officials were immediately called in. Their investigation, it is learned, is still in progress, their principal object being to learn whether there was collusion between the convicts and employes of the institution.

It is believed the discovery of counterfeiting in the prison was the result of the investigation now being carried on in the place as a result of the irregularities in the cigar department. The irregularities became public matter last week, and pending an investigation Warden Daniel W. Bussinger and the overseer of the cigar department were temporarily relieved from duty and the penitentiary placed in charge of Rev. Joseph Welch, the chaplain. It is alleged that thousands of cigars made by convicts are unaccounted for, that thousands of them did not contain the internal revenue stamps and that in many instances the law requiring prison made cigars to be stamped "Convict made" was ignored. How long this has been carried on is yet to be learned. The government of the penitentiary is vested in a board of five inspectors appointed by the governor who serve without salary. This board is now making an inspection of each branch of the institution and has employed an expert accountant to go over the books. In addition to this the internal revenue officers are carrying on a separate investigation.

Dr. William D. Robinson, one of the inspectors, in speaking of the affair, said that the inspectors have not found anything that militates against the personal integrity and ability of the warden, but had found abundant evidence that the old methods so long in vogue are faulty and antiquated. Warden Bussinger has been permitted to engage an accountant to protect his interests in the matter of his accounts.

BALLPLAYER BADLY INJURED.

Missed His Hold and Was Run Over By a Street Car.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—Umpire Ollie Conn, of the "Three I" league, was badly injured after the Cedar Rapids-Decatur game at Decatur Sunday evening. He was endeavoring to get on a street car, but missed his hold and was run over. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where his right arm was amputated. His left leg was badly crushed. He may not recover. His home is in Mount Zion, Ill.

First Bale of Porto Rican Cotton.

San Juan, P. R., Sept. 14.—The first bale of Porto Rican cotton exported for four decades was shipped September 9 on the Red Line steamer Caracas, consigned to a Porto Rican concern in New York.

Will Receive a Warm Welcome.

San Juan, P. R., Sept. 14.—A popular demonstration is being organized in honor of Gov. Hunt, who will return here October 1. Some of the federal leaders refuse to co-operate in the affair for political reasons.

Will Ask the President to Intercede.

Boston, Sept. 14.—At a mass meeting of Armenians from all over the United States held in this city, resolutions were adopted that President Roosevelt be petitioned to intercede to protect the lives and property of Armenian-Americans in Russia.

Longshoremen's Strike Ended.

New Orleans, Sept. 14.—The longshoremen's strike was formally settled and 16 ships will start Monday. The Morgan line dock workers are still out, the strikers having little or no chance of winning.

Advertisement for Twin Brothers clothing store. Includes text: 'THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT TWIN BROS. Have been Uniform Each Year in the Growth of Trade.' and an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for The New York World. Includes text: 'THE New York World Thrice-a-Week Edition. Read Wherever the English Language is Spoken.'

Table with train schedules for Frankfort & Cincinnati Railway. Columns include 'LOCAL TIME CARD', 'DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY', and 'BETWEEN FRANKFORT & CINCINNATI VIA PARIS'.

Advertisement for 'A LEADER!' newspaper. Includes text: 'A LEADER! SUCH IS THE Cincinnati Enquirer IN THE NEWSPAPER WORLD.'

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Professional cards for D. R. E. L. STEVENS, J. T. M. MILLAN, T. PORTER SMITH, G. W. DAVIS, and W. O. HINTON.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RY.

Table with train schedules for Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Columns include 'TIME TABLE' and 'WEST BOUND'.

Railroad Time Card.

Table with train schedules for Louisville & Nashville and Frankfort & Cincinnati. Columns include 'ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT PARIS' and 'DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM PARIS'.

Advertisement for Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills. Includes text: 'CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS' and an illustration of a woman's face.