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## MACHEN LAID OFF

### THE POSTOFFICE INVESTIGATION TAKES A SENSATIONAL TURN.

### GEN. BRISTOW RECOMMENDS IT

### SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE DELIVERY GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

### OFFICIAL CONDUCT UNDER HIGH

### ACTION NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Washington, May 10.—The investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department which has been dragging along for two months took a sensational turn late yesterday afternoon when, by order of Postmaster General Payne, August W. Machen, general superintendent of the free delivery system, and one of the most widely known government officials in the United States, was relieved from his duties and Postoffice Inspector M. C. Fosnes was designated to take charge of that service. The change will take effect to-day, when Mr. Fosnes will assume charge of the free delivery service and at the same time that service will be placed under the control of the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general. Heretofore it has been under the jurisdiction of the first assistant.

Action of the Postmaster General was taken on the written recommendation of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who is directing the investigation of the affairs of the department, that the transfer of Mr. Machen's bureau to his jurisdiction and its administration by a postoffice inspector would expedite the investigation. In ordering the change recommended, the postmaster general gives Mr. Machen "leave of absence until the investigation is concluded." Mr. Machen promptly acquiesced in the decision of the postmaster general, taking occasion to say in doing so, that he courted the fullest investigation of his official conduct. Mr. Machen has been under fire ever since the investigation began.

Charges of Various Kinds have been preferred against the administration of the free delivery branch of the postal service. These included allegations of collusion with letter box manufacturers in furnishing of boxes to postoffice patrons, particu-

larly on rural mail routes, the furnishing of advance information regarding the selection of routes, and the appointments of carriers, etc. There also has been a conflict between Mr. Machen and First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne ever since the latter assumed office.

Mr. Bristow all along has been of the opinion that the best interests of the service would be subserved by the relief of Mr. Machen, and has pointed out to the postmaster general that action was imperatively necessary to the successful conduct of the investigation.

### CREW WAS STARVING.

American Vessel Had Been at Sea a Month and the Rations Gave Out. San Juan, P. R., May 10.—The American schooner James Slater of Port Jefferson, Long Island, thirty days out from Savanna-La Mar with logwood for New York, put in here yesterday, having been driven back from off Cape Hatteras April 24. The crew had been subsisting on pea soup for twelve days and were very weak. The steward, William Holcomb, of Charleston, S. C., was in a comatose condition. The men had been working at the pumps at regular intervals for a month.

### KOLB WAS KIDNAPPED.

Friends of Labor Leader Believe He Was Taken Aboard a Vessel. New York, May 10.—Friends of Geo. A. Kolb, business manager of the Marine Engineers' association, who mysteriously disappeared Monday while trying to persuade men to leave the vessels against which his union had declared a strike, are now convinced that he has been kidnapped and stowed away in the hold of an outgoing vessel.

### WOUNDED IN DUEL.

Max Regis Fights German Officer With Pistols, Then With Swords. Nice, France, May 10.—Max Regis, the former mayor of Algiers and anti-Semite leader, recently quarreled with a German officer. A duel was fought yesterday at Mentone; two shots were exchanged without result. The fighting was continued with swords; and the German was seriously wounded.

### Shoots Deputy Sheriff.

Weston, Iowa, May 10.—Charles Matherson shot Deputy Sheriff J. C. Baker of Council Bluffs five times, causing fatal wounds when the officer tried to arrest Matherson on a charge of robbery.

### Curzon Will Stay.

London, May 10.—Lord Curzon yesterday accepted the appointment of viceroy of India for another term. The post was offered to Lord Minto, governor general of Canada, but he declined.

## MAY BRING ON WAR

### RUSSIA AGAIN BREAKS FAITH IN THE MANCHURIAN AFFAIR.

### MAKES WARLIKE PREPARATIONS

### REOCCUPIES NEW CHWANG WITH A LARGE FORCE OF SOLDIERS.

### AMERICAN PATIENCE TAXED

### MORE RADICAL STEP CONTEMPLATED THAN ANY HERETOFORE TAKEN.

Pekin, May 10.—The Russians have reoccupied New Chwang with a large force and have also put garrisons in the forts at the mouth of the Liao river. They are further reported to be making extensive warlike preparations.

The Russians are reported to be constructing forts on the hill near Liao Yung, commanding the road between there and the Yalu river, and have arranged to have a large quantity of provisions delivered at New Chwang.

A dispatch from an official at New Chwang says indications point strongly to these active preparations being intended to guard against operations against the Russians in Manchuria.

Russia's coup has caused profound surprise here, as recent developments had led to the expectation that Russia would compromise her demands, since they had been revealed to the powers. The latest maneuver is interpreted as being intended as a

### Reply to China's Refusal

to grant Russia's demands, to the protests of the powers, and as a declaration that she is ready to fight in order to maintain possession of Manchuria.

It is considered significant that the Russian army reoccupied certain strategic posts at just about the time naval reinforcements were reaching the Gulf of Pechili. The temporary withdrawal of the Russian troops from New Chwang is believed to have been a feint to avert suspicion from the contemplated policy until the Russian squadron was within useful distance. It has been reported recently that Russia is accumulating great stores of provisions and war materials. It is impossible to confirm these reports; but it is known that the Russian military authorities have been buying many horses. All the available information indicates that Russia is preparing to increase and not decrease her forces in Manchuria.

### Combine Against Russia.

Washington, May 9.—The state department has received official confirmation from its agents in China of the increase of the Russian garrison in New Chwang, Manchuria, and there is reason to believe, if President Roosevelt approves, that it is preparing to take vigorous steps in the matter.

Secretary Hay is in communication with President Roosevelt in California, and upon the latter's decision the secretary's course will depend. It is stated that the department has had its patience taxed by the course of events in Manchuria, and that it now contemplates a

### More Radical Step

than any which heretofore has marked the negotiations between the powers on this subject. The proposed step contemplates joint action by Japan, England and the United States. Preceding negotiations have been hampered by the inability of this government to act jointly with other nations without violating its traditions, but it is now hinted that some plan of cooperation with England and Japan may be devised which will have the effect of convincing the Russian government of the united determination of the three nations to insist upon Russia's evacuation of Manchuria, while not actually committing the United States to a formal alliance.

### TWO NAVAL OFFICERS HURT.

Accidents Occur While Crew Is Engaged in Target Practice.

San Francisco, May 10.—Ensign Charles Huff and Boatswain's Mate McNamara, of the crew of the cruiser Boston, were wounded by being struck by stray bullets from the cruiser Marblehead, while the crew of the latter vessel were engaged in subcaliber target practice. The crew was engaged at this practice while the Marblehead was laying on Magdalen bay. About four hundred yards from her was the Boston, with her men likewise engaged. It was not thought that the bullets would carry as far as the Boston, and no danger was anticipated until there came a signal from her to cease firing in her direction. Ensign Huff was wounded in one of his arms and the boatswain's mate received a wound.

### HAMLIN COMES THIRD.

### Prizes Are Awarded in Oratorical Contest of Colleges

Sioux City, Iowa, May 10.—The interstate oratorical contest, in which six states were represented, was won last night by Harry C. Culver of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa; subject, "A Political Problem." The prize was \$50. Miss Florence Hope, Grand Island college, Neb., was second, Irvin B. Wood, Hamline university, St. Paul, third. Others in the contest were Garland C. Greese, Central college, Fayette, Mo.; James G. Getty, Hedding college, Abingdon, Ill., and Warren Barber, Ripon college, Wis. These six orators were the survivors of a contest in which forty-four colleges took part.

### DISAPPEARS ON JOURNEY.

### Man Is Missing From the Car on Which He Was Traveling.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 10.—Charles D. Sport, who started with a car of household goods and stock from Vincennes, Ind., is missing and his family is very much worried over his disappearance. He is known to have reached Chicago on April 30 with his car and was all right at that time. The car reached here with one of the side doors cleated open about eight inches. The animals appeared to have not been fed for a day or two. It is feared that he has met with foul play or has been injured.

### SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD.

### Boy Plays With Target Rifle and Receives Fatal Injury.

Luyerne, Minn., May 10.—Bert Schwartz, fourteen-year-old son of E. C. Schwartz, city recorder, was shot through the head yesterday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a target rifle. He was in company with Jesse Theil, playing along the river, throwing up tin cans and then shooting at them. Just how the accident occurred is not known. The bullet entered just behind the right ear, fracturing the skull above the temple on the left side of the head. The boy cannot recover.

### THROAT WAS CUT.

### Stranger at Red Wing Attempts Suicide in a Hotel.

Red Wing, Minn., May 10.—A stranger going by the name of John Kelley was found yesterday morning in his room at the Mercurians hotel with his throat cut with a razor, but still living. The room presented a horrible appearance. He wrote his real name on a card for the attending physician and it appears to be "Maschuar." He stated he had a wife and two children in Indianapolis. He is at the hospital in a critical condition.

### FIGHT IN A POORHOUSE.

### Two Inmates Quarrel and One Is Stabbed to Death.

Wausau, Wis., May 10.—James McMullen and John Rogulski, inmates of the Marathon county poorhouse, became engaged in a quarrel and McMullen, upon being called a liar, whipped out a knife and stabbed Rogulski. The knife entered his abdomen and caused his death. McMullen, who is eighty-five years old, will be held for murder. Rogulski was thirty-seven years old and a cripple.

### COUNTY ASSESSOR MISSING.

### Foul Play Is Feared—His Grip Found in the River.

Helena, Mont., May 10.—County Assessor Paul Wignautz of Missoula county is missing, and it is believed he was the victim of foul play or was accidentally drowned in the Missoula river. Information received last night states that his grip and some papers bearing his name had been found floating in the river near Plains, where he had gone on business.

### BUILDS HIS OWN AUTO.

### Up-to-Date Farmer Rides in His Own Horseless Carriage.

Artesian, S. D., May 10.—Even the farmers of South Dakota are providing themselves with automobiles. E. S. Callihan, living near here, is the first South Dakota farmer to ride in his own automobile to town for the purpose of doing his trading. Callihan manufactured the machine himself, and it answers his purpose as well as if it had been purchased at a high cost.

### BORING FOR WATER.

### Platte Creek Will Be Transformed Into a Godly River.

Plankinton, S. D., May 10.—Four artesian well-drilling machines are at work in the country near here sinking wells for farmers as fast as the work can be done. The county already is pretty well supplied with small artesian wells. Platte creek will become a good-sized river from the surplus flow from the wells.

### Despondency the Cause.

St. Paul, May 10.—Alexander Lilley, a mail carrier, committed suicide by banging himself in the basement of his house early yesterday morning. Despondency caused by ill health is assigned as the cause.

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### FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

### Ten or Twelve Persons Severely Injured—Three Buildings Burned.

Stockton, Cal., May 10.—Ten or a dozen persons were severely injured and three business houses in the center of the city were burned by an explosion which was followed by fire last night. The explosion occurred in the rear of Garlick & Morath's shoe store in Main street. The street was crowded with people. The glass front of the store was blown out and many persons passing were hurt by flying pieces of glass. The wall of the Western Union building adjoining was blown in and operators and messenger boys were more or less hurt. Fire broke out at once and in a short time three buildings were destroyed. The cause of the explosion is believed to have been gas in the rear of the store.

### KEEPS PROMISE TO WIFE.

### Commits Suicide to Follow Her Into the Hereafter.

Chicago, May 10.—True to a promise made to his wife that when she died he would follow her, G. N. Benedict, a court stenographer, last night shot himself through the brain, dying instantly. Mrs. Benedict died yesterday morning and just before her death her husband told her that he would follow her in a short time. Benedict and his wife were devoted to each other and he almost ruined his health by his constant attendance upon her during her last illness.

### LEPER IS RECAPTURED.

### Consternation Exists Where Dong Gong Did Laundry Work.

St. Louis, May 10.—Dong Gong, the leper who escaped from quarantine a few days ago, was captured in a Chinese laundry on Cottage Grove avenue. Patrons of the laundry are in great alarm, and in many cases have made bonfires of the clothing washed there. The proprietor has been compelled to leave the neighborhood.

### KOHLSAAT IS KNIGHTED.

### American Commissioner Is Honored by King Oscar.

Stockholm, May 10.—King Oscar has conferred knighthood of the Royal Order of Vasa on Commissioner C. W. Kohlsaat, in recognition of his work in connection with the St. Louis exposition. Accompanying the decoration was a letter from Foreign Minister Lagerheim, congratulating Mr. Kohlsaat on the well deserved mark of the king's appreciation of his services.

### Earthquake in Colorado.

distinct earthquake shock was felt in Grand Junction, Colo., May 12.—A the Grand valley between 12:30 and 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The shock lasted several seconds and seemed to travel from the northwest to the east and southeast.

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