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## TYNER FLAGELLATES CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### ACCUSES MR. ROOSEVELT OF FALSEHOOD

Former Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department Answers President's Refusal to Withdraw the Charges of Dishonesty—Aged Republican Veteran Is Vitriolic

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—James N. Tyner, formerly assistant attorney general of the postoffice department, who was removed by the president and later tried and acquitted on charges in connection with alleged postal frauds, tonight made public the following letter sent by him to the president, dated Oct. 8:

Immediately after the publication of your extraordinary "proclamation" last November, declaring me guilty, without hearing or trial, of "gross corruption," acceptance of bribes and other misconduct in office, I filed with you an emphatic denial of every charge in toto and asked for an opportunity to prove my innocence. You ignored this humble protest and after I had exhausted every means of establishing my innocence and had been promptly acquitted by a jury upon the indictments you caused to be found against me, I again petitioned you to withdraw your unwarranted "proclamation" of guilt. In reply to this I received

your secretary's letter of June 24, which was so unfair and unjust, and so clearly owed its character to the exigencies of your presidential campaign that I considered it unworthy of notice, especially as you withdrew it from the public.

**Charges Falsehood**

Even now I should make no reply if there had not recently appeared in a popular magazine an "inspired" article, which uses the very phraseology of your letter, and which is such a deliberate tissue of falsehoods and is circulated for such an evident purpose that I cannot ignore it. Your unqualified statement that I was guilty of "gross corruption" and of accepting bribes, etc., while assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, was not made in a "message to congress," as you now assert. Congress was not in session. For obvious reasons it was made in a "proclamation" direct to the public with the usual limelight accessories.

If your statement had been made to

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## INFAMOUS SLANDERS ARE AT BOTTOM OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST JOHNSON

Propaganda of Foul Falsehood Carried On by Dunn Managers and Henchmen Whispers Malignant Innuendo Against a Boy Who Bore a Man's Burden on His Young Shoulders

THE most cowardly and disreputable trick ever attempted in Minnesota politics lies at the door of the managers of Dunn's campaign. The Globe has determined to tear away the dirty cloth with which they try to hide it, and hold it and them up to the contempt of all who believe in personal honor and political decency.

For weeks now emissaries have been busy in every part of the state whispering calumny against the personal record of John A. Johnson. They have been too numerous, their work has been too carefully preconcerted, their methods too similar for this to be the result of accident. They are under direction; and whether the directing hand be that of R. C. Dunn or that of the Republican state central committee makes no difference. Punishment quick and heavy should fall in either case upon the head of the traitors.

The slander that they are circulating is none other than that John A. Johnson, the Democratic candidate, is an unnatural and inhuman son; that he forsook and neglected his family; that he permitted, while in comfortable circumstances, his own father to die in a public institution. In corroboration of this they are showing everywhere, to any who will consent to look and listen, photographed or attested copies of documents relating to the matter from the records of Nicollet county.

The deep and damnable infamy of this attack, which has thus far been sedulously kept out of print lest the wrath of all decent-minded people should fall upon these vermin and consume them, is their knowledge of the facts that must keep Mr. Johnson silent. Noble man and good son that he is, his mouth must be forever closed upon a subject that is to him a deep and sacred grief. No friend of his can proclaim aloud the detailed facts. All who know them are full of reverence for the man who has borne his burdens with never-failing courage. But they respect those tragedies of life that are familiar to too many households, even when these infernal ghouls are opening graves and raking among putrefying remnants, for some scrap of foulness that may aid them to fight their lost cause.

Let us state the facts that make men who know the life of John A. Johnson feel that they should bare their heads before him. At the age of twelve years he

found himself the sole stay and support of a helpless family. To him alone his mother and his brothers and sisters had to look for comfort and support. This mere child took up manfully the burden so heavy for his young shoulders. He cared for those dependent upon him at a time when other children are themselves most gently shielded. He fought the fight. He did his duty nobly by his dear ones. He was the stay of his mother. His were the hands that wrought for the other children. And all that they had or have in life the members of that family owe to this brave and devoted son.

These things were not done in a corner. John A. Johnson has lived all his life in St. Peter. Ask any man in that city for the facts of his life, and you will get them. Ask any man in Nicollet county, and you will get them. Ask the editor of the paper which, when he was a candidate for state senator, attempted to start this foul slander and was compelled to retract. Ask John Lind, that stanch Democrat, who has been his friend and almost his neighbor. Ask former Lieutenant Governor Ives, that stanch Republican, who knows everything. Let the truth be free as air, and John A. Johnson will be respected and admired and loved wherever his white wings are spread.

We had hoped that this campaign, boisterously and brutally as it had been begun on the Republican side, might have been spared disgrace. But the spirit of the Republican assault is greater than the instinct toward personal decency of the men who are directing it, and has mastered them. From north to south the whispers spread and the innuendoes fly batlike through the darkened air, and a pure and lofty character is assailed by all the creatures of the night. We believe that we are but performing a public duty in throwing a ray of sunlight into this noisome crypt; in letting the people of Minnesota know the truth about John A. Johnson and his detractors, erasing beneath the rebuke they have invited. We are mistaken in the men of this state if they do not rise in a passion of just and mighty wrath to smite into dust and oblivion these liars who stab from within the molding coffin of the unmentioned but still tenderly remembered dead, wherein they have sought refuge from the storm that is about to break upon their dishonored heads.

## GREAT BRITAIN IS PREPARING FOR WAR

### ROJESTVENSKY'S REPORT MAKES MATTERS WORSE

Russian Admiral's Version of the North Sea Tragedy Is Regarded a Counter to Gain Time—British Fleets Ready for Action—Situation Hourly Becomes More Serious

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's explanation of the attack of his squadron on British trawlers, while it is received with incredulity by the people and press of Great Britain, has probably turned the current of diplomatic negotiations into a new channel. The British foreign office is in courtesy obliged to accord an investigation into circumstances narrated by the Russian admiral, reinforced as it is by the testimony of subordinate officers of the squadron and by the report of the Danish minister of marine, communicated to the Russian government, that vessels were known to have been chartered at Hull and in Sweden by the Japanese government for the purpose of attacking the Baltic squadron during its passage of the North sea and English channel.

There are on one side stories of Russian ships firing upon vessels of several neutral nations, and on the other of incidents tending to establish Admiral Rojestvensky's report that there were armed vessels in the vicinity of the Hull fishing fleet. Pending developments in diplomatic exchanges, the British admiralty is showing the utmost activity in bringing fleets within the course of the Russian squadron. The Russian ships at Vigo, Spain, it is promised, will depart as soon as necessary repairs are completed. France and Germany may be regarded as throwing the weight of their influence in the scale for a peaceful conclusion of the controversy.

#### ENGLAND PREPARES FOR WAR

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Notwithstanding the diplomatic check in consequence of Admiral Rojestvensky's report, it is evident that Great Britain is preparing for the possibility of war. Tremendous activity is reported from all dock yards where vessels under repair are being made ready for sea under urgent orders from the admiralty. At Cardiff it is stated that admiralty agents are securing great quantities of coal for Gibraltar, Portsmouth, Malta and other ports, and paying high freights. The Mediterranean fleet is hastening in the direction of Gibraltar and it is announced that the channel squadron, with decks cleared, will leave Gibraltar early this morning, its alleged object being a "sham attack on the rock." The home fleet, likewise, is concentrating. In fact, almost the entire British navy is pointing in the direction of the Baltic fleet, a portion of which is expected to sail from Vigo today.

#### CABINET MEETING TODAY

Perhaps the most significant development is the cabinet meeting which is called for today. While the call was issued prior to the receipt of Rojestvensky's report, which changed the situation considerably, and appears to place some of the burden of proof on Great Britain, the meeting undoubtedly marks the reaching of a serious stage. While up to the present time the government has maintained an almost complete silence with regard to the progress of the affair, it is considered almost certain that Premier Balfour, who will make a speech at Portsmouth tonight, will, after a conference with the entire cabinet, be in a position to make some definite announcement. Public sentiment, which hitherto has been kept under remarkable control, will hardly stand the passing of another day, and especially because of the opportunity afforded by Mr. Balfour's appearance on the platform, unless some satisfactory explanation is made.

#### COUNTER TO GAIN TIME

Yesterday was the first time that any real excitement was exhibited on the part of the public. Admiral Rojestvensky's report seemed to stagger almost every one. Its statements

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## CONFESSES MURDER

Mrs. Krauss Goes to Prison for Life

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Oct. 27.—Indicted this morning by the grand jury for the poisoning of her stepdaughter, Crystal Krauss, the defendant, Mrs. Rae M. Krauss, after demanding an immediate trial, today pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in the first degree, and walking calmly to the bench, handed to Judge Vaughn a signed confession, written Oct. 16, while a prisoner in the Blackford county jail. Fifteen minutes after the confession was read the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Immediately Judge Vaughn pronounced the sentence, which carries with it imprisonment for life in the women's prison at Indianapolis, and within half an hour the prisoner, escorted by two officers and followed by a mob, hissing and uttering cries of violence, was on her way to prison.

The confession pleads that the crime was committed while the defendant was dispossessed of her senses; that she had confessed to her husband, W. R. Krauss, that she was prompted to poison her stepdaughter by an indescribable desire to kill.

#### College Elects President

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Oct. 27.—The board of trustees of Des Moines college elected Herbert L. Stetson, now president of Kalamazoo college, Kalamazoo, Mich., as president of Des Moines college.

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## MATCH TO GASOLINE PROVES SERIOUS

Frank Cardigan Touches Fire to Explosive Fluid and Is Badly Burned

Wondering whether a can which he found in the back yard of his home yesterday afternoon contained gasoline or water, Frank Cardigan, fourteen years old, living at 1554 Payne avenue, lit a match to test the fluid and in the explosion which followed was frightfully burned about the face and head. The boy's life was probably saved by the strength of the can, which did not burst, but which flew about ten feet into the air before the flaming gasoline was discharged in volcanic style.

The boy dashed out the fire which caught in his clothing and then, overcome with pain, fell to the ground, where he was found by his brother. A physician was called, and the boy's burns were dressed. His face was almost completely singed, but it is thought that his eyes were not injured. The boy is a son of Charles T. Cardigan, a real estate dealer.

#### Army Reserve Men Are Troublesome

MOHILEFF, Russia, Oct. 27.—There have been no anti-Jewish riots here, strictly speaking, as reported in some quarters, but considerable disorders with army reserve men have occurred in connection with the mobilization. Drunken peasants in the streets attacked houses and shops, and most of the local traders being Jews, they suffered; but the houses of the local officials were also attacked. The desertion of Jewish reserve men, who are fleeing abroad, helped to inflame the populace against them, as Christians had to take their places. There is trouble with the reserve men in general throughout the province, but order is being restored.

## PASSENGER TRAIN RUNS INTO FREIGHT

Several People Injured and Two Missing as Result of Wreck at Minnetska

Special to The Globe  
WINONA, Minn., Oct. 27.—Two unknown men are missing, several people were very badly injured and a property loss of many thousand dollars is the result of a collision which occurred at Minnetska, a small station eighteen miles west of here, on the river division of the Milwaukee road, at 10 o'clock tonight.

Train No. 56, known as the fast mail, which left Minneapolis at 6:45 p. m.

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE RUSSIAN VELKI AND ONE OF THE ENGLISH STEAM TRAWLERS

