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### INDICTMENT OF AUGUST MACHEN

#### And Arrest of Two More Men in the Post-Office Department on the Charge of Conspiracy.

#### MACHEN HAS GIVEN BOND

His Bail is Fixed at \$20,000—The Trial Will Occur in October—Seven Arrests Have Now Been Made and Others are Expected.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, June 5.—The grand jury today reported an indictment against August W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the Postoffice Department, who was arrested several days ago charged with sharing profits on government contracts for letter box fasteners. The indictment was brought for violation of Section 5501 of the Revised Statutes, the penalty for violation of which is a fine "not more than three times the amount asked or accepted or received, and by imprisonment not more than three years."

The amount which the indictment finds he received illegally is \$18,987.75. Mr. Machen was in court with his attorneys when the grand jury reported and immediately gave bond in the sum of \$20,000 for his appearance in court. The trial will occur in October.

By securing an indictment against Machen before tomorrow, the day set for his preliminary hearing before Commissioner Taylor, the government has scored a victory by thus avoiding the necessity of showing its case at a preliminary hearing. The proceedings before the Commissioner will now be abandoned.

In discussing the case with his friends Mr. Machen explains that certain checks which it is maintained were sent to Machen in payment of his profits in the Groff fastener, and which have been secured by the postoffice inspectors, were sent him by his business partner, George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Lorenz was formerly postmaster at Toledo.

Mr. Machen claims that his partnership with Lorenz was a strictly legitimate one and that the checks transmitted to him by Lorenz were in connection with the mining business which the firm conducted. Although the amount of these checks cannot be ascertained, Mr. Machen says that the one for the largest amount represents a personal loan to himself from Lorenz.

Mr. Machen further informs his friends that he was not a partner of the Groff Brothers' concern, and that he did not receive any of the profits from the sale of the letter box fastener to the government. He is optimistic that no wrong-doing will be proved against him, and he adds that the only possible cause there may be for criticism of his administration so far as the Groff fastener is concerned is that the price paid for the article may be considered excessive. This was necessary, he maintains, because the article was a patented affair. His counsel tonight made a statement saying:

"Upon Mr. Machen's arrest we demanded an immediate hearing which was opposed by the government and at the request of the government a continuance was had until June 6th. Mr. Machen and his counsel had every reason to believe that in the interim no steps would be taken to deny him the preliminary examination to which he was entitled. The authorities responsible for the issuance of this warrant have seen proper to bring the same charges now pending before Commissioner Taylor to the attention of the grand jury. The grand jury has in consequence, indicted Mr. Machen before the date fixed for the full hearing before the United States Commissioner. If you want the reasons for this proceeding you will have to seek it from the prosecution. We do not know. We can only surmise and that much the public can as well do as counsel for the defense. Suffice it to say that the legal effect of this course of charges to which he is fairly entitled and which a sound public policy vouchsafes to him.

The course the defendant's counsel will pursue in the matter cannot now be made public, but later, and it will be sooner than some people want, the whole matter will be gone into and both sides will be heard, where ex-parte proceedings will be out of order."

#### IS THIS PINK FULTON?

Man Who Whipped Convict to Death Supposed to be Under Arrest

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Winston-Salem, N. C., June 5.—A man answering the description of Pink Fulton is under arrest at Williamston, West Virginia. Fulton stands charged with whipping Rand Hart, a young convict, to death while guarding a force of convicts in this county two years ago. Fulton fled soon after the boy's death. A reward of two hundred dollars was offered by the Governor for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of this county. Chief of Police Myers, of Williamston, who arrested the party supposed to be Fulton, is here and says that a photograph of his man will arrive here tomorrow.

#### THE LEVEE BURSTS

#### And Death is Threatened by the Rushing Waters.

#### More Than a Hundred Thousand Acres of Fertile Farming Land Will be Flooded.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Louisiana, Mo., June 5.—The Sny levee broke just below this city today and the Mississippi is now falling here at the rate of six inches per hour on account of the break. The Sny is the most important levee on the north end of the river and is seventy miles long. In some places it is 23 feet high and 80 feet across at the base. It enclosed a fertile farming section from three to seven miles wide, containing more than 100,000 acres.

#### THREE STILL IN JAIL

#### Rich, Whitley and Pittman Have Not Given Bond

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Wilson, N. C., June 5.—Yesterday afternoon W. P. Croom, one of the prisoners implicated in the Percy Jones murder, gave bond, with J. W. Leonard as surety and a deposit of \$400 for his appearance at court, and was therefore released from custody. Two more of the prisoners, Gil Ward and Allen, who was wounded the night of the murder, and who were admitted to bail by Judge Brown in the sum of \$5,000, this morning gave the required bonds and were released. Ward's bondsmen are Robinson Raper, Larry Bass, M. T. Johnson, and Z. D. Mumford; and for Allen, J. W. Allen, R. J. Long, J. T. Lewis, J. W. Parker, W. C. Askew, E. M. Lewis, J. H. Flanigan, A. J. Flanigan, J. R. Davis and R. L. Davis. There are now only three of the prisoners left in jail—Rich, Whitley and Pittman.

#### SAYS HE ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

#### Lady With Whom He Boarded Sends Frank Schmitt to Jail.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Asheville, N. C., June 5.—Frank C. Schmitt, representative of a New York organ and piano firm, is a prisoner in the county jail. He engaged board with a lady here, who declares that on Thursday night he made improper proposals and attempted to assault her. Schmitt claims he was drinking. He was arrested and bail fixed at one thousand dollars. This he was unable to furnish.

#### HON. FRANK SPRULL

#### Engaged to Assist in the Prosecution of the Jones Murder Case.

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Wilson, N. C., June 5.—Hon. Frank S. Sprull has been employed to assist in the prosecution in the Jones murder case.

#### A Day's Events at Greensboro.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Greensboro, N. C., June 5.—Major Joseph Marchion, president of the Guilford Battle Ground Company, has started every member to work, and is determined to make the coming Fourth of July celebration the biggest event in the history of that patriotic organization. Col. W. A. Henderson, of Washington, will make the principal address.

#### With Pistol and Knife.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Smithfield, N. C., June 5.—A shooting and cutting affray occurred in Elevation which may result in the death of both participants, D. E. Flowers and A. H. Barber.

#### HURRICANE WHIRLS OVER PHILIPPINES

#### A United States Transport is Reported Wrecked.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Manila, June 5.—A hurricane has swept over the Philippine Islands and great damage has been done to shipping. The United States transport Shamshu is reported to have been wrecked. This, however, has not been confirmed.

#### TWO STEAMERS ARE LOST

#### All on Board the San Rafael and the Schooner Mayflower Saved—Part of Those on Board the Pearl de Visayas Drowned.

(By the Associated Press.)  
The United States steamer Pearl de Visayas has been totally lost off Camotes Island. Part of her crew were saved. The United States steamer San Rafael and the schooner Mayflower have been driven ashore off Ormoc, west Leyte, and will prove total losses. All on board these vessels were saved.

#### Kenly Defeats Fremont.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Kenly, N. C., June 5.—The Kenly Academy team has returned victorious after a baseball contest with the Fremont team.

#### LOCKS EVERY WHEEL

#### Device by a Green-boro Man to Prevent Wrecks

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Greensboro, N. C., June 5.—Mr. L. S. Barber, of this city, has invented and patented a device to prevent wrecks on railroads. It is a safety attachment for car brakes, and is so constructed that when a wheel leaves the track, it automatically locks every brake and brings the train to an immediate stop.

#### Daniel Named to Succeed Himself.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Richmond, Va., June 5.—Senator John W. Daniel was today declared the nominee of the Democratic party as his own successor for the United States Senate. He had no opposition under the party primary law, and the State Chairman, J. Taylor Ellyson, today declared him the nominee. His name was the only one presented under the law. Senator Daniel is now serving his third term in the Senate.

#### Dr. Little Awarded First Honor Prize

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Greensboro, N. C., June 5.—Dr. Thomas R. Little has just returned from Hot Springs, N. C., where he has been before the State Medical Board and in attendance upon the convention of the North Carolina Medical Society. Dr. Little was awarded the first honor prize to applicants for the best series of papers on surgery, anatomy, materia medica, chemistry, physiology and other branches of medicine.

#### Sibley's Shops Burned.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Stately, N. C., June 5.—The large machine and lumber works of R. L. Sibley & Co. were burned Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock. The fire evidently caught from fire in the engine room. The loss is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. There was no insurance on any part of the plant. The firm will rebuild at once.

#### Clark Gives Bond.

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#### WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR SALE

#### The Result of the Terrible Famine in Kwang Si, China.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Hong Kong, June 5.—The estimate of Governor Wong, of Kwang Si province, that a million natives are starving in the territory in his jurisdiction, is pronounced here to be approximately correct. The distress in certain districts is most acute. Children and women are freely offered for sale. The rice harvest promises well but it will not be available for four to six weeks. Extensive relief operations will be difficult without foreign supervision which will be hard to obtain in Kwang Si. Assistance has been sent to that province from Honk Kong and Canton, but the funds available are becoming exhausted. The Hong Kong committee will welcome subscriptions. The newly appointed viceroy of Canton is hastening his journey to his post because of the serious conditions in Kwang Si province.

#### Masons Elect Officers.

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#### Judge Peebles Improving.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Jackson, N. C., June 5.—Judge Peebles, who was forced by sickness to adjourn New Hanover Superior Court, is improving.

#### Miss Mary Farmer Passes Away.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Wilson, N. C., June 5.—Miss Mary Farmer, a most estimable, popular and accomplished young lady of our town and daughter of Mr. J. Oscar Farmer, breathed her last at 11 o'clock last night. She has been in ill health for several months, and in consequence of this her devoted parents, accompanied by her physician, Dr. Dickinson, took her to Hot Springs, but her stay there was of no avail, and she was brought to her home and among her loved one to die. Her remains were interred in Maplewood this afternoon.

#### SEVEN MORE BODIES FOUND.

#### The Reported Dead in the Topeka Flood Now Number Seventy-Eight.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Topeka, Kas., June 5.—The reported dead in the Topeka flood now number seventy-eight. Of this number thirty-nine deaths have been verified. A boatman this afternoon reported that seven bodies have been found near the end of Harrison street. The unfortunates were: MRS. JESSIE SHAW and four children. A man and woman named SHUNK-WERTER.

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#### TOTAL MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

New York, June 5.—The following statistics on the movement of cotton for the week ending June 5th were compiled by the New York Cotton Exchange.

Weekly movement—	
Port receipts	24,447
Overland to mills and Canada	8,696
Southern mill takings (estimated)	27,000
Loss of stock at interior towns	10,307
Brought into sight for the week	49,836
Total crop movement—	
Port receipts	7,600,770
Overland to mills and Canada	1,054,484
Southern mill takings (estimated)	1,872,000
Stock at interior towns in excess of September 1st	14,127

#### COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, June 5.—For the week ending June 5: Net receipts at U. S. ports during week 25,238; net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year 20,454; total receipts since September 1st 7,600,770; total receipts to same date last year 7,393,876; exports for the week 5,721; exports for same week last year 36,562; total exports since September 1st 6,255,971; total exports same date last year 6,234,034; stock at all United States ports 275,865; stock at all United States ports same time last year 394,798; stock at all interior towns 68,437; stock at all interior towns same time last year 148,950; stock at Liverpool 622,000; stock at Liverpool same time last year 965,000; stock of American cotton for Great Britain 39,000; stock of American cotton for Great Britain same time last year 37,000.

#### COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, June 5.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:  
Galveston 2,882,128; New Orleans 2,244,142; Mobile 210,158; Savannah 1,289,563; Charleston 209,502; Wilmington 324,741; Norfolk 503,466; Baltimore 44,816; New York 55,476; Boston 97,084; Newport News 14,953; Philadelphia 25,983; Brunswick 118,217; Pernambuco 3,134; Pensacola 123,279; Port Arthur 86,663; Port Townsend 89,584; San Francisco 55,447; Portland, Ore., 1,541; El Paso 1,587; Eagle Pass 12,479; Laredo 13,709. Total, 7,600,762 bales.