

POSTAL INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Finds True Bills Against Nine People.

THREE OF ACCUSED ENTER BAIL

Mayor of Lock Haven, Pa., Among Parties Indicted, For Whom Warrants Have Been Issued—Other Indictments Expected Later.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The post office investigation developed another sensation, the federal grand jury returning seven indictments, involving nine people, for alleged conspiracy and bribery in connection with postal affairs. August W. Machen, formerly the head of the free delivery service, was named jointly with others in four of the indictments. The other parties were William Gordon Crawford, who was deputy auditor for the post office department from June 12, 1893, to September 15, 1897, and is a member of one of the exclusive clubs of this city; Leopold J. Stern, Baltimore; George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, formerly a prominent government official, and Martha J. Lorenz, his wife; John T. Cupper, mayor of Lock Haven, Pa.; William C. Long, an Ohio man, who has spent much time in this city in recent years and an intimate friend of Machen; Maurice Runkel, of New York city, and Thomas W. McGregor, a protégé of Machen, who was a messenger at the beginning of Machen's administration of the free delivery service and in recent years has been in charge of the supplies for the rural free delivery service.

Crawford voluntarily appeared in court soon after the indictments were returned and furnished \$10,000 bail and McGregor likewise gave \$5,000 bail. Long was arrested at his home, where Deputy Marshal Springfield found him in bed. He was released on bail. Machen was not rearrested under the new indictment, as he gave bonds in \$20,000 under his indictment several weeks ago, and the authorities felt this was sufficient to ensure his appearance. Warrants have been issued for the out-of-town parties indicted and their arrest is expected today.

The grand jury has not completed the work laid before it by the postal investigators, and other indictments may be expected later on, possibly within a week or two. It is understood that two additional cases against one of the parties indicted, a former prominent bureau official, are being inquired into by the grand jury and that the acts of another former high official of the post office department already under indictment by the Brooklyn grand jury are being investigated.

Machen, Cupper and Long are named jointly in one indictment for violation of the conspiracy section of the revised statutes. The indictment sets out that between July 1, 1897, and July 1, 1901, Cupper induced Machen to give him (Cupper) the contract for furnishing materials for and employment in the painting of letter boxes, package boxes and posts and that Cupper painted these boxes, posts, etc., in Reading, Albany, Scranton and many other cities throughout the country, and in addition painted 17,771 boxes at the box factory at Reading, Pa., and 2048 package boxes at the factory in Cleveland, O., Cupper paying Machen a commission of 10 cents a box, Long acting as an intermediary.

John T. Cupper, the mayor of Lock Haven, Pa., is charged in a separate indictment with paying Machen a bribe of \$500 in August, 1900. Long also is indicted separately for paying a bribe, both these bribery cases being in the same transactions involved in the conspiracy indictments. Crawford was separately indicted for presenting a false claim for satchels by charging the government and receiving pay therefor for shoulder straps never supplied by him.

Tragedy at Pleasure Resort.

Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—In a fit of jealous rage "Lou" Heine, a gypsy, shot and killed his wife in a tent at Woodside Park, one of the pleasure resorts of the city. After killing the woman Heine probably fatally shot a young man who was with the woman, knocked down several bystanders and made his way to the adjacent woods, where he succeeded in making good his escape. Mrs. Heine was a fortune teller and her husband acted as her manager. The couple had quarreled and the husband deserted her. Mrs. Heine then engaged the young man to take her husband's place as manager, and when the husband learned of this he went to Woodside and killed the wife.

Robbed of \$80,000 in Jewels.

Honolulu, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Samuel Parker has been robbed of \$80,000 worth of jewelry, consisting chiefly of diamonds, rubies and solitaire studs. She wore the jewels at a reception held to signalize the opening of a new hotel. Several hours later the thief or thieves entered her home and stole many of the gems she had displayed. Mrs. Parker, who is the wife of Colonel Samuel Parker, one of the wealthiest men in Hawaii, was the widow of J. K. Campbell, who left her one-third of his \$4,000,000 estate. She was married to Colonel Parker about a year and a half ago, and on the same day her eldest daughter was wedded to Prince David.

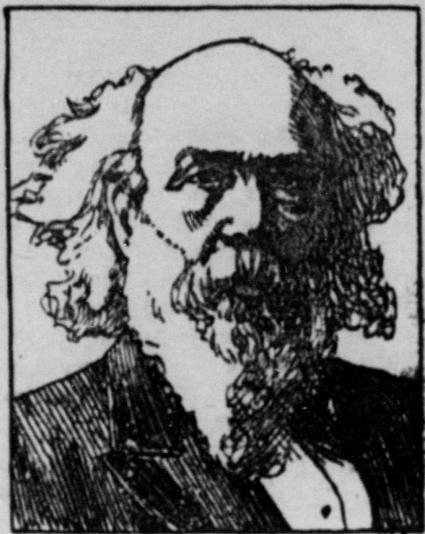
Somersault May Prove Fatal.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 4.—William McGuire, of Pittsburgh, is in the hospital in a dying condition. While bathing, he tried to do a somersault on the beach. He struck on his head and was rendered unconscious. Since being admitted to the hospital one side of his body has become paralyzed.

ADMIRAL MELVILLE RETIRED

Most Picturesque Figure in American Navy Ends Active Service.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Rear Admiral George W. Melville, the most picturesque figure in the American navy, has been placed on the retired list. He



REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE W. MELVILLE reached the age limit last January, but was continued on active duty until the term of his appointment as engineer-in-chief should expire, August 1.

His honorable mentions during the civil war were frequent and many, and when the fighting was over he remained with the navy, one of its most notable and valued officers. Among his subsequent cruises the most remarkable naturally were those made in the Arctic regions on the Tigress, the Jeannette and the Thetis, culminating in the relief of Greeley. Instances of his heroism on these cruises are many. In reporting favorably a bill for his promotion, the naval committee of the 50th congress paid him a deserved tribute, and again in the succeeding congress his promotion was characterized as an act of tardy justice and hardly adequate. Since that time honors have fallen upon him thick and fast.

SCHWAB WILL RESIGN

To Sever All Connections With the United States Steel Company. Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, will sever his official connection with that concern, his resignation as president now being in the hands of the executive committee. This information comes from one of the directors of the corporation. For months Mr. Schwab's resignation has been rumored, but each time the rumor appeared it was denied by Mr. Schwab himself, as well as by the corporation's directors.

The executive committee will recommend its acceptance. The recommendation will then be turned over to the directors, who will meet later and formally approve it.

Mr. Schwab will also, it is announced, resign as a director, thus completely severing his connection with the company.

W. E. Corey, who on July 1 was appointed assistant to President Schwab, "to perform the active duties of the president of the company," it is stated will be elected Mr. Schwab's successor, but his duties will be practically the same as those he is now performing—the physical operation of the various plants comprising the corporation.

MAN HUNT IN INDIANA

Mob Searching For Negroes Who Maimed an Invalid Boy.

Hartford City, Ind., Aug. 4.—George Hershey, an invalid, aged 19, while hunting squirrels on his father's farm near here, was approached by two prowling negroes. They grabbed the boy, searched his clothing for money, and finding none, tore his clothing from him and mutilated him with a knife. The boy succeeded in reaching home. He told the story and his father gave the alarm, mounted a horse and called for volunteers to wreak vengeance on the negroes. Two hundred men and boys joined in the chase. Neighboring farms and towns were warned by telephone and the country was scoured. No trace of the negroes was found. The hunt proceeded until nightfall. Sheriff Morigal, with a detachment of deputies and police, followed the mob to prevent lynching, if possible.

Crushed to Death in Elevator.

Haarriburg, Pa., Aug. 4.—Robert Turner, colored, aged 20 years, was instantly killed by being caught in the elevator at the Lochiel Hotel. Turner was captain of the day watch of bell boys at the Lochiel. In some manner the elevator started with no one in it, and Turner made for the open door. He got in, but fell backwards and was caught between the moving car and wall. Screaming frightfully, he was crushed in a horrible manner, the car going on up and the unfortunate negro falling to the basement in a mangled heap.

Delaware Constable Shot by Negro.

Smyrna, Del., Aug. 4.—Constable James D. Wright, of Clayton, was shot in the abdomen and fatally wounded at that place by Fletcher Hollis, a negro desperado of Smyrna, whom he was trying to arrest. The negro escaped, but several hundred men, armed with shotguns and pistols, started in pursuit of the slayer with the intention of shooting him. The posse are separate, and the members all declare they "mean business." Whether he will get away or be lynched remains to be seen.

Escaped Jail and Then Told Officer.

Gouverneur, N. Y., Aug. 4.—A harmless character, who had been sent to jail here for drunkenness, accosted an officer and said that he and two others had escaped from the jail. They had dug their way through a stone wall two feet thick with the aid of a poker. The two other refugees have not yet been captured.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Elephant and the Bee

The elephant and the bee had always been on the best of terms, and in all their acquaintanceship they never had a quarrel, and I guess they would have lived in peace and happiness with each other for all their lives if it had not been for an accident that happened.

And what do you suppose it was? Why, one day the elephant was going along the road, and he was tired, for



"OUCH!" HOWLED THE ELEPHANT, he had walked a long distance that day. So he thought he would sit down and rest for a little while. In the meantime the bee had thrown himself on the grass and gone to sleep, for it was a warm day, and he, too, was tired. Well, what should happen but that the elephant sat down on the bee's hind foot.

And the bee? He was hopping mad and said all sorts of nasty things.

So the bee crawled into the elephant's trunk just as far as he could, and then he gathered all his strength and gave poor Mr. Elephant the hardest sting that he possibly could.

"OUCH!" howled the elephant. "You naughty thing! I'll fix you for that!"

And the next moment he sneezed a mighty sneeze.

Did you ever see an elephant sneeze? Well, he raises more disturbance for a few seconds than a March wind.

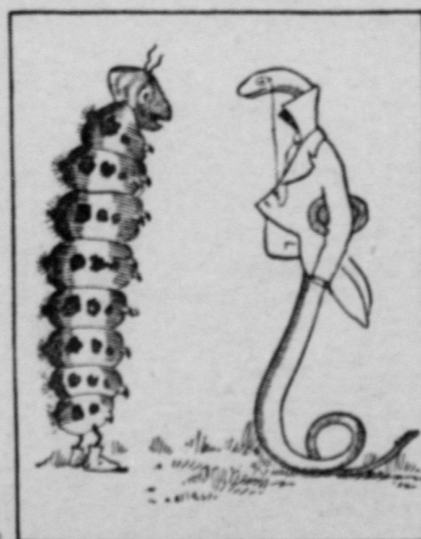
What became of Mr. Bee? I don't know, and nobody else does. He was borne out on the breath of that mighty sneeze, and he hasn't been seen since. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Caterpillars' Ball

The caterpillars' dance was the biggest thing that the caterpillar family had given for many and many a long day, and you may rest assured that not one of the invitations that were sent out was thrown away.

When the fiddlers had just begun to fiddle and the dancers had lined up



"I'M A CATERPILLAR," ANSWERED MR. EARTHWORM.

on the floor for the first grand waltz, who should come along but Mr. Earthworm.

"Only caterpillars are admitted here," said the chief doorkeeper.

"Well, I'm a caterpillar," answered Mr. Earthworm, and he looked offended.

"What kind of a caterpillar?" asked the doorkeeper.

"I'm a baldheaded caterpillar," answered the earthworm promptly.

So they decided to let him in anyway, and soon he was in the hall and dancing with the prettiest lady caterpillar there.

But one of the little caterpillars dropped a piece of chewing gum on the floor, and right in the midst of the whole affair Mr. Earthworm slipped on it, and down he went in a heap on the floor.

Everybody cried "Oh!" for they thought that he must have been hurt, but he sprang up quickly enough and was ready to keep on dancing. But, wonderful to relate, the earthworm got up wrong end foremost and began to dance around upside down, for you know that one end of an earthworm looks as much like his head as the other. But the caterpillars knew the difference, and they all thought that he must be a ghost. The lady caterpillars screamed, and the gentlemen caterpillars jumped out of the window, and that ended the big ball, except that when Mr. Earthworm started to go home a crowd of caterpillar policemen caught him and sent him to jail for three summers for his badness.

Moral.—Don't go where you don't belong.—Chicago Tribune.

Baby Culture.

Never trot baby about, coming down sharply on your heels. Never make sudden and sharp noises to amuse him. Never swing him rapidly either in his cot or in your arms. Never forget that what baby puts in his mouth must be absolutely clean, or it may endanger his health. So keep his india rubber "pipe," if he has one, as scrupulously clean as you keep his feeding bottle. Never needlessly put your finger in his mouth. Never encourage him to eat by taking little portions from his spoon. Never give him an empty feeding bottle to keep him quiet or a meal before the time for it has come. Never forget that baby sometimes cries from thirst and that a teaspoonful of cold water will then make him happy and do him good.

Home Atmosphere.

Cultivate "the sweet flower of courtesy," as George Eliot terms it. Whatever other plant you may have indoors or out to beautify the home and delight the eye, cultivate at all seasons the sweet flower of courtesy. In her story of "Silas Marner," where she describes the old squire and his breakfast hour, she wrote, "There was no pleasant morning greeting between them, not because of any unfriendliness, but because the sweet flower of courtesy is not a growth of such homes as the Red House." Courtesy and cheerfulness are two primary elements necessary to the making of a bright and sweet atmosphere in our homes.

Let the Child Help.

Never should the mother through that foolish desire to keep her child as long as possible dependent upon her or that worse pride which would show itself to be self sufficient refuse the proffered help of her child. If she is doing something in which from the nature of things he cannot share, let her be careful to substitute some other loving service while declining the one proffered, remembering that love turned away nourishes selfishness and proffered help refused begets idleness. She may have to say, "No, dear, you cannot sweep the floor," but she can add, "You may hand mamma the broom."—Household.

Fencing For Women.

Those who have seen women who are expert fencers recognize that it is an extremely graceful amusement. Many ladies are taking fencing lessons. Strength of leg is necessary as well as of wrist and much activity. But it is a most admirable exercise, improving the figure and developing the muscles, and it is worthy to be made an art. It is not only physical strength that is required for this amusement, but keenness of the eye and dexterity of the wrist, and these are quite womanly. Quickness of perception and action are necessary.

The Carpet.

Don't buy a bright colored carpet to put into rooms where the furniture is not to be correspondingly toned up. A "cheerful," assertive carpet will often make everything else in the room look faded and itself become a leading object in the room, whereas a carpet should always be background, and consequently lower in tone than the objects placed upon it.

Bed Couches.

Every one knows the comfort of a couch placed against the foot of the bed. Couches to match are now sold with brass and iron beds. They have head and foot pieces of brass or iron in the design of the bed and a woven wire spring and mattress. Their cleanliness is a recommendation.

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