

THE MCKEESPORT MIX.

Peculiar Manner in Which the Post-office Mistake Occurred.

A TELEGRAM WITHOUT INITIALS

Was the Cause of the Appointment of the Wrong Mr. Soles.

RAY AND WANAMAKER BOTH THROUGH.

No Power on Both Could Induce Them to Make Any Further Change.

A terse telegram which simply said "We want Soles" caused the appointment of the wrong man as postmaster of McKeesport. He had thanked the Congressman before the mistake was discovered. The nomination was recalled just 15 minutes before it would have been confirmed. Neither Ray nor Wanamaker will make any further changes.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The nomination today of Elmer M. Soles to be postmaster at McKeesport caused a great deal of curious inquiry, as Representative Ray's name days ago recommended Edwin Soles for the appointment, and the Postmaster General had the same promptly sent to the Senate. The mistake occurred on account of a similarity of names. Edwin Soles was an applicant for the position, and had his papers on file. Elmer M. Soles, a cousin of Edwin, was also an applicant, but his papers were delayed in transit, and that delay caused the whole of this curious complication. When the Postmaster General formally withdrew the nomination of Captain Thompson, Representative Ray, after a few days, recommended the appointment of Mr. Reese.

CAUSED BY A TELEGRAM.

The latter refusing to accept, Mr. Ray ran his eye over the list of names to familiarize himself with them, and while contending with the names, he saw a name which he had placed in his confidence as a pilot in his stormy voyage on the sea of McKeesport postal politics. This telegram read as follows: "We want Soles."

When there was no name in the list of applicants up to that time, Mr. Ray at once sent to the Postmaster General his recommendation of Edwin Soles, and on the day following the nomination was sent to the Senate. It was telegraphed to McKeesport that Soles was appointed, and the friends of Elmer M. Soles supposed it was their own particular Soles, until by subsequent telegrams it was made pretty clear that a mistake had been made in the identity of the men, and telegrams were sent in hot haste to inform Mr. Ray of the error.

The Postmaster General was also flooded with letters and telegrams to hold up the nomination, and a messenger was sent by the latest train to McKeesport to bring order out of the confusion of this latest version of the two Dromios. Mr. Ray was in even a more uncomfortable position than he had been at any time during the contest.

TOO MANY OF THEM.

Edwin Soles was a formal applicant, and believing him to be the Soles desired by his friends, the nomination was made. Mr. Soles had responded promptly to the nomination, apparently so much so that he had been at the ease with which he accomplished a feat in which those who had more influence than he had failed, and came on the ground to meet the man that Mr. Ray, who did not know him at all.

The situation was most distressing. Both the Congressman and the Cabinet officer were in a state of confusion, and looked in each other's faces, mutely expressing language that would have not expanded well in the Sunday school spoken from a pulpit. Mr. Ray was in a state of confusion, and looked in each other's faces, mutely expressing language that would have not expanded well in the Sunday school spoken from a pulpit.

PROBABLY A SUSPENSION.

The finding of the Court Martial in the case of Commander McCalla.

SENATOR QUAY'S MEASURE.

An Amendment to the Inter-State Law to Benefit the Drummers.

GERMAN WORKMEN STRIKING.

Brewers, Carpenters, Masons and Shoemakers All Have Grievances.

ONE EMPLOYEE KILLED.

A Powder Mill in the Vicinity of Carbondale.

EQUALITY OF THE RACES.

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SAVAGE ATTACK ON BISMARCK.

A German Newspaper Says He is Suffering From Alcoholism.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk.

AFTER THE ANARCHISTS.

Removal of a Concerted Movement by the European Governments.

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MERELY A MOCKERY.

That is How German Socialists View the Proposed Labor Reform.

OPPOSITION GATHERING FORCE.

An Imperial Board of Salaried Arbitrators to be Created.

THE MILITARY BILL TO BE PUSHED.

A White Book Defining Germany's Position on African Colonies.

The German Socialists do not take kindly to the labor reform measure to be presented in the Reichstag. They find a number of fatal defects in the bill, and insist that it is merely a scheme to give the Government greater control over the working classes.

BISMARCK STILL FEELS BIG.

He Thinks the Emperor Will Soon Come to Him for Assistance.

PRINCE HENRY IS ALL RIGHT.

He is in Good Terms With His Royal Mother, and is Enjoying Life.

LOOKS LIKE A BRIBE.

The members of the council will be selected from the delegates to the conference.

ROYALTY'S QUEER DISPUTE.

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A New Saloon in a Suburb of Lowell Literally Taken by Storm.

MEN PACKED IN LIKE SARDINES.

Fifteen Policemen Necessary to Manage the Thirsty Crowd.

THE PROPRIETOR FORCED TO CLOSE.

His License Cost Him \$5,000 But He is Dead Sure to Get it Back.

John Lannon paid \$8,000 for a license to run a saloon in a suburb of Lowell, Mass. He opened yesterday. Everybody was dry. Excursions were run and it took 15 policemen to manage the crowd. There was little drunkenness.

SUICIDE IN THE AIR.

Frederick Werner, an Old Man, Hugs Himself to a Tree in Allegheny—A Southern Indulger in Paris Green—He May Recover—Supposed to be Insane.

BUILDING TRADES ORGANIZED.

The Knights of Labor Cannot Gain Admission to the Trades Union—A Battle Fought Over Two of the Delegates—Supporting the Strikers.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading.

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