

MACHEN IS OUT
Payne Retires Him for a Time.
MOVE ON POSTAL SCANDAL
Deposed Official Head of Free Delivery.

SEVERAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM
His Successor Will Be Inspector M. C. Fosnes—Step Taken at Request of Bristol to Expedite the Investigation.

RECORD OF APPOINTEE.
M. C. Fosnes is one of the oldest Postoffice Inspectors in the service. He is a native of Norway, where he was born in 1851, and his home is Des Moines, Ia. He was once a Special Examiner of the Pension Bureau, and subsequently served as Inspector at Philadelphia, Chicago, Helena, Mont., and St. Paul. He is still Postoffice Inspector in charge of the St. Paul division. He is best known in connection with the investigation of the postal frauds in Cuba, when he was removed of Estes Rathbone, Mr. Fosnes was appointed Director-General of Cuba, assuming that office on June 23, 1902, and holding it until May 20, 1902, when the United States sovereignty over the island ceased.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The investigation of the affairs of the Postoffice Department, which has been dragging along for two months, took a sensational turn this 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 of his duties, and Postoffice Inspector M. C. Fosnes was designated to take charge of that service. The change will take effect tomorrow morning, when Fosnes will assume charge of the Free Delivery Service, and at the same time that service will pass under the control of the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General. Hereafter, it has been under the jurisdiction of the First Assistant.

The action of the Postmaster-General was taken on the written recommendation of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, who is directing the affairs of the department, that the transfer of Mr. Machen's bureau to his jurisdiction and the administration by a Postoffice Inspector, would expedite the investigation. In ordering the change, the Postmaster-General gave 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 that in doing so he courted the fullest investigation of his official conduct.

Machen Under a Strong Fire.
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At Request of Bristol.
Mr. Bristol, at the head of the inquiry, has all along been of the opinion that the best interest of the service would be served by the removal of Mr. Machen, and he has pointed out to the Postmaster-General that action was imperatively necessary to the successful conduct of the investigation. Mr. Machen's removal was announced by Mr. Payne in the correspondence between himself and Mr. Machen, together with the recommendation of Mr. Bristol, the latter's former, through one of his subordinates.

In order to complete the departmental investigation now in progress, in a more expeditious and satisfactory manner, Mr. Bristol requested that the division of free delivery be temporarily assigned to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, and that the Postoffice Inspector be assigned to the position of general superintendent of the free delivery service and his immediate superior, the First Assistant Postmaster-General. Mr. Machen's removal was announced by Mr. Payne in the correspondence between himself and Mr. Machen, together with the recommendation of Mr. Bristol, the latter's former, through one of his subordinates.

Following is Mr. Machen's reply:
"I am in receipt of your letter of this date advising me of your order, to take effect on the 9th instant, transferring the division of free delivery from the supervision of the First Assistant Postmaster-General to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, and that he is authorized to assign a Postoffice Inspector as the acting general superintendent of said division during the continuance of the investigation now in progress. In conformity of this request, I have issued the following order to take effect at the commencement of business on the 9th inst.:"

"The division of free delivery, heretofore under the supervision of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, is hereby transferred and assigned to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, and the regulations of the department are amended in conformity therewith.

heretofore, that I court the fullest investigation of my official conduct, and stand ready at any time to aid in the investigation now in progress, as I am unconscious of having done wrong."
Postmaster-General Payne, in discussing the matter, said he believed the correspondence told the whole story. He said his conclusion to relieve Mr. Machen was reached yesterday after office hours. Mr. Bristol, he said, had come to his office and there had a conference, during which Mr. Bristol presented his letter requesting to be put into full charge of the office, in order to expedite the investigation. He declined to say whether the change would be permanent, saying that depended on the results of the investigation.

One of the plans under consideration in the reorganization of the department is to keep the rural free delivery service permanently under the jurisdiction of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, leaving the regular free delivery service in its former jurisdiction, that of the First Assistant Postmaster-General. Postmaster-General Payne explained that any rearrangement of duties would hang largely on the results of the investigation.

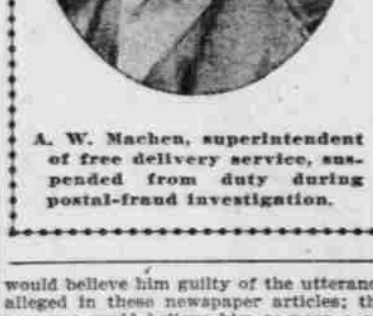
Ex-Representative Loud, of California, who was chairman of the House committee on postoffice and postal roads, has spent much time during the past two or three days in conference with Postmaster-General Payne, First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne and Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristol. Mr. Machen and Mr. Loud have been at odds officially for nearly two years, and it is believed that the counsel of Mr. Loud figured in today's developments.

Mr. Machen tonight was not inclined to talk, but expressed confidence that he could rebuke allegations made against him. He said:
"I have no fear of not being able to meet any and all of the charges that have been made under this investigation. I take the action of the department to be a step toward expediting and closing up the investigation as promptly as possible, and designed to give Mr. Bristol an opportunity of getting a thorough insight into the free delivery service. I will remain tomorrow morning to relinquish his office to Mr. Fosnes. He says that, except while removing his family to his summer home at Westport, Md., he will remain in this city during his leave of absence.

Mr. Machen came here from Toledo, O., in 1893, and qualified as Superintendent of the Free Delivery on May 6 of that year. Since then the office has grown into immense proportions, and the free delivery mail service has been introduced and extended to cover all parts of the country. First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne left the city today for a short vacation.

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A. W. Machen, superintendent of free delivery service, suspended from duty during postal-fraud investigation.

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RAILWAYS ARE TIED UP
VICTORIA HAS A BIG STRIKE ON STATE ROADS.
Eleven Thousand Men Walk Out—Government Calls Extra Session of Parliament.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, May 8.—The railroad strike commenced at midnight, and all state roads are tied up. Demonstrations previously occurred in front of newspaper offices and stores were sent to patrol the streets. Otherwise the city is quiet.

The strike is the outcome of a curious dispute between the government and the railroad employees regarding the payment of the latter to affiliate themselves with the Victoria Trades Hall, the headquarters of trades unionism in this colony. The employees of the railroads are practically servants, and the government holds that in case of a strike in other trades affiliated with the Trades Hall, the railroad men would be obliged to strike in sympathy, and the government has notified the railroad men that unless they withdraw from the Trades Hall before May 15 they will be dismissed.

The Engineers' Association replied that unless the government withdrew its notification they would strike, which was done. The government has guaranteed wages for two months to non-strikers, and has notified that they will lose their pensions by the strike. About 11,000 railroad men are involved in the dispute.

The government has arranged for a limited passenger service, but freight traffic is entirely suspended. Up to the present time the strike is confined to drivers and firemen. Already there has been a sharp increase in the prices of provisions and fuel. Over 300 miles of railroad are affected by the strike. A prolonged stoppage of traffic would paralyze trade and cause untold distress in the country districts.

It is alleged that the strikers have been promised aid from English and American trades unions. The government has called a special session of Parliament, which will meet next Wednesday, when it is expected the government's action will be upheld. It is thought the labor party will influence a large section of the members of the Legislature, and a prolonged and disastrous struggle is expected unless a compromise is arranged.

Arrangements are being made to dispatch the coast mails by steamer and to transport the inland mails by coach. Several engines have been derailed as a result of the unfamiliarity of the drivers of the men who have been obliged to act as substitutes.

Shows France in Fine Colors.
King Edward's Visit Not Proved That It Has Been Misjudged.
PARIS, May 8.—The Figaro this morning publishes a long article in which Minister Delcasse and Sir Edmund Monson, British Ambassador to France, on the subject of King Edward's recent visit, discuss the situation.

The spontaneity of the testimony of esteem and sympathy which followed King Edward's visit is most precious to us, following as it did the brilliant manifestations of the French people against the American squadron at Marseilles. The visit of King Edward proves again that Europe renders injurious to the policy of France.

This policy is clear and straightforward, as recently has been said in this Chamber. Its invariable basis, the pivot of its whole external action, is the Russian alliance, strong in this, we are more disposed to favor all rapprochements, the interests of which are manifest. We are intent upon remaining an element of moral and material equilibrium, and it is to the service of those ideas that we put out our national power. The government has understood this, and I congratulate it for having done so. It is superfluous to insist upon the advantages of Great Britain and France living in an atmosphere of good will which renders easy the settlement of those problems arising day by day in all parts of the world, both countries have interests. The visit of King Edward has contributed to the creation of this atmosphere.

It is very agreeable for me to declare," said the British Ambassador, "that the issue of King Edward's journey has rendered me profoundly happy. The ties which exist between France and Great Britain are too many and too close for our friendship to be one of a natural last only. King Edward accomplished an act of friendship in coming to France and his act has been understood with an unanimity over which we all have cause to rejoice."

The Albanians—without opposition. The 2 Albanian officers, leaders of the revolt, who were recently arrested at Prizren, Albania, have been banished to Mosul Asiatic Turkey.

French Warships Off for Salonica.
TOULON, May 8.—Following the receipt of cipher orders by Admiral Pothier, the French flagship Admiral Pothuau and the armored cruiser La Touche-Treville sailed for Salonica early today. The cruiser Gallie is ready to proceed to the same port.

Ireland Sees Emancipation.
Passage of Land Bill Hailed as a Great Historical Event.
LONDON, May 8.—That the great Irish land bill should have been introduced under a Unionist government and passed to its second reading by the huge majority of 47 is hailed by the Liberal newspapers today as a remarkable historical event, "a great conversion," and a momentous step in Irish emancipation. Gladstone's historical declaration in 1870, "The thing is with you and the flowing tide is with us," is recalled and his policy is held to be justified.

It is pointed out that even staking the imperial credit in the solution of the land problem, which Gladstone steadily opposed as involving a great danger, has no terrors for the present Parliament and government, so tremendous is the change that has come over the Liberal party with regard to Irish affairs. Yesterday's debate in the House of Commons gave a further indication of a similar veering on the question of Thomas Gibson Bowles, Conservative, declared "home rule has lost its terror for men," and Ernest Fowler, Conservative, said he was "not sure that a further Liberal Embargo, was in the distinguished stranger's gallery."

An unusually large number of Irish peers, including Lord Dunsraven, listened to yesterday's debate, and Henry White, secretary of the Land Commission, was in the distinguished stranger's gallery. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's absence during the land bill discussions has been much remarked upon. Several Unionists abstained from voting yesterday. The attitude of the government throughout the debate has raised great hopes that a compromise will be reached in most of the contested points, and that the bill eventually will be adopted.

For Gold Standard.
Currency Commission Recommends It for Colony in India.
SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, May 8.—The Currency Commission, in its report, recommends the introduction gradually of a special Straits Settlements dollar of the same weight and fineness as the American dollar, and circulating currently with the British and Indian currencies.

The report prohibits, temporarily, the import of Mexican and British dollars until enough new dollars are in circulation to satisfy the business of this colony for the next year. The scheme proposes ultimately to demoralize the Mexican and British dollars, and then follow the course adopted by the Government of India.

Prince May Never Return.
Doubt as to Movements of Ferdinand of Bulgaria.
VIENNA, May 8.—Doubt is expressed in political circles here whether Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria will return to Sofia at the present juncture of affairs. It is even hinted that he may never return to the principality. This doubt has been influenced by the receipt of a telegram from Bulgaria this evening. The first announcement that the Prince, who is in Paris, has been attacked with a violent inflammation of the throat, which causes him great difficulty in breathing. The second telegram tells of the publication at Varna of a pamphlet accusing the Prince of having been the author of a telegram containing threats of personal violence.

French Convoy Attacked.
ALGERIA, May 8.—A French convoy has been attacked by tribesmen in the Figuis district. The baggage train was captured after fighting, in which 36 men were killed and 13 wounded. The attacking force was composed of 600 horsemen and 500 men on foot. The tribesmen, which carried off 500 calves loaded with provisions and clothing. The tribesmen, who carried off 500 calves loaded with provisions and clothing.

Russian Troops Enter Korea.
YOKOHAMA, May 8.—There are persistent reports in circulation regarding the movements of Russian troops along the Korean coast. It is believed that the Russian government is protecting the Russian timber concessionaires, and a large body of Russian troops is reported to be approaching Wiju, Korea. The Japanese government is protesting against these actions.

Japanese Urge Its Opening.
TOKYO, May 8.—In the name of Prince Konoze, President of the House of Peers, the Nationalists have telegraphed to Yuan Shi Kai, Viceroy of Peking, advising the immediate opening of Manchuria, and the granting of concession for the Wiju railway. The Nationalists are urging the immediate opening of Manchuria, and the granting of concession for the Wiju railway.

Chinese Substitute Trade Port.
SHANGHAI, May 8.—In the American treaty proposals Tatumkau has been substituted for Tientsin as the port to be opened to foreign trade. The Chinese government is protesting against these actions.

To Prison for "Gentlemanly" Lying.
BERLIN, May 8.—Baron von Loewe, a Lieutenant in the Fifth Uhlans, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment today at the Kaiser's court for having "lied like a gentleman" in slander proceedings involving the reputation of Frau Eck, wife of a distinguished engineer.

Draws the Color Line.
Maid Refuses to Make Up Bed Occupied by Booker Washington.
INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—Miss Louise Hadley, a chambermaid at the Hotel Englehard, has been discharged for refusing to wash up the bed occupied by Booker T. Washington the night before.

The Death Roll.
Noted Ontario Jurist.
OTTAWA, May 8.—Hon. David Mills, Justice of the Supreme Court and ex-Minister of Justice in the Laurier government, died suddenly here tonight. It is thought that the bursting of a blood vessel was the cause of death. He was 71 years of age, and was regarded as the highest constitutional authority in the Dominion.

Ex-King of Uganda.
PORT VICTORIA, Seychelles Islands, May 8.—Mwanga, ex-King of Uganda, is dead. His death was caused by the rupture of an aneurism.

Choice of Routes.
New overland service to Chicago via the Union Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways. The Pioneer Limited and three other splendid trains run daily.

Chicago Bakers Advance Prices.
CHICAGO, May 8.—The Master Bakers' Association last night decided on an advance of 25 per cent to the wholesale trade and 20 per cent to the retail dealer.

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High Praise for Regular Troops.
DETROIT, May 8.—In an interview at the Loyal Legion banquet, General Baldwin said:
"Too much credit cannot be given the regular troops for the superb manner in which they have done the hard work in the Philippines. They have shown just what stuff goes to make up the United States Army."

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IS NOW MID GAY SCENES
The coming of the President was given voice in continuous cheers, which the President smilingly acknowledged.
Police on Every Side.
Extraordinary police precautions had been made to guard the safety of the President during his stay in Los Angeles. Secret service men surrounded him, made way for him through the crowd and at the station also, and when he alighted from his carriage at the Westminster Hotel. In addition to the vigilance of the secret service men, the Los Angeles police force adopted more stringent measures against the encroachments of the crowd. Westminster Hotel, the temporary stopping place of the President and party, was surrounded by a cordon of police and plain clothes officers. A rope was drawn around the hotel, and no one except those holding passes was admitted.
The annual Fiesta de las Flores, the chief feature of which is the elaborate floral parade, was arranged this year to coincide with the visit of the President. Unusual efforts had been made by the festa committee to make this feature of the celebration particularly attractive, a sort of expression of the floral wealth of Southern California. The floral parade occurred this afternoon and was reviewed by the President and party as well as some 15,000 persons.
Returning to the hotel, the Presidential party prepared for dinner, and at 6 o'clock dined with a large delegation of state officials and invited guests. At 8 o'clock in the evening the President reviewed the electrical parade, which was the closing feature of the day's celebration. Later he was driven to his train. The Presidential train will leave at 6 A. M. for Ventura.

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Manila is now the only "walled city" in the Orient, and it is Secretary Root's intention to have it preserved. It is quite likely that the most outside the wall will be filled up as a sanitary measure.

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