

A GRAND SPECIAL IN
BLACK DRESS STUFFS

Qualities for \$1.
(First floor—Annex.)
Stripe, mistral, etamine, seakings, London twines—in short, all the newest popular weaves and our best dollar quality, this week 69c

This Store Will Be Closed All Day Tomorrow—MEMORIAL DAY

TODAY—OUR BARGAIN DAY
—FRIDAY—

These stupendous bargain offerings of today in connection with our MONSTER FRIDAY ECONOMY SALE, should and will make THIS DAY the busiest ten hour bargain event of the entire year. The overwhelming values offered today have never had a parallel in the history of merchandising—no, not in America—we thoroughly believe. This is the sixth in the series of grand Friday "ECONOMY SALES," like a little snowball, we started these bargain events six weeks ago, each and every revolution, as it has rolled onward and upward in its victorious career, has increased it in magnitude and power until today it stands without a rival among the bargain events chronicled for happening among the BIG STORES OF THE COUNTRY.

WE CHALLENGE COMPETITION, EVERYWHERE, TO DUPLICATE THESE VALUES! The Grandest Examples of most severe UNDERPRICING ever attempted—BARGAINS SIMPLY UNMATCHABLE! First comes this morning will reap the benefits of first choosings. None of these advertised articles will be laid aside or reserved, and NONE SOLD TO DEALERS, except at regular prices.

We have hundreds of bargains not named here, so come down early this morning prepared to stay late. We must crowd two days' business into one today, as tomorrow—Memorial Day—we shall be closed all day.

WHITE AND COLORED SHIRTWAISTS

Tomorrow at 8 A. M., on 2d floor, in our WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENT SECTION, we open a sale UNPARALLELED IN THE ANNALS OF MERCHANDISING IN AMERICA—a bold statement, backed by facts and the goods. Hundreds of dainty WHITE and COLORED SHIRTWAISTS, samples of which may be seen in our windows on Fifth Street, the usual selling prices on which range 79c up from \$1.25 to \$4.50, go on sale tomorrow at the perfectly ridiculous price of

This sale eclipses any similar bargain-event ever held by this or any other mercantile establishment in this country. The styles are all good and waists perfect. Be on hand early or you'll miss full choosing.

SPECIAL FRIDAY DEMONSTRATION on third floor—Friday only—will be held a special demonstration and sale of the famous BLACK SATIN STOVE POLISH. No dust or dirt. It covers rust and polishes nickel equally well as iron.

SEWING MACHINE SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK—Oak frame, drop head, ball-bearing, the celebrated Olds, Worthington & King \$22.85—a limited number only for a few days at

Friday
Underwear
Special

(First floor.)

Ladies' fine-ribbed white Hosiery, knee length, wide Trench lace trim at knee, tight-fitting top, a very excellent quality, for Friday only, pair, 32c

FRIDAY
SHIRT SPEC'L

(First floor.)

Men's Golf, semi-dress Shirts in blue, green, tan and oxblood striped effects; also a fine figure effect in blue, tan and green, with one pair of cuffs, in madras and percale cloths. A snappy snap for Friday.

ONLY 43c EACH

SOFT BODIES—STARCHED COLLAR AND CUFF BANDS TO WEAR WITH WHITE COLLAR.

Curtain Spec'l

(Fourth floor)

White Ruffled Striped Swiss Curtains, three yards long and 45 inches wide.

VALUE SPECIAL

\$1.00 69c
FINISHED TOP FOR RODS

White
Castile Soap

Two-Pound Bars

Each—15c—Each

First Floor

Toilet-Sundries Counter

A VERITABLE SLAUGHTER OF MILLINERY VALUES

(Second floor)

Hundreds of new and handsome black and colored DRESS HATS, samples of which may be seen in our Washington-Street windows, go on sale tomorrow at a price not representing half their real worth. The values range up from \$5.00 to \$9.00—\$3.89 you may choose tomorrow from the lot for

MAY LET HIS PAL OFF

Machen's "Go-Between" Likely to Testify for State.

HIS ARREST NOT MADE YET

Postal Department Is Still Busy Probing the Scandal in the Free Delivery Division—Charges Against Beavers.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—A large corps of inspectors, including some of the veterans of the service, probed the alleged irregularities at the Postoffice Department today, but no further arrests were made. It is stated to be possible that the intermediary who, it is alleged, figured in the transactions which led to the arrest of August W. Machen may turn state's evidence. His identity has not yet been disclosed.

Machen's counsel issued a statement asserting his ability to disprove fully all the charges. The investigating officials are equally confident. The Government is arranging to have its witnesses at Machen's preliminary hearing, June 5.

The preliminary hearing of the Groff brothers, the profits of whose firm Machen is accused of skimming on a 40 per cent basis, has been set for June 9. Samuel A. Groff, one of the brothers arrested yesterday, was suspended from the police force today, pending the hearing of his case. His return to duty depends on the result of the court proceedings against him. Diller G. Groff, senior member of the firm, appeared before United States Commissioner Taylor today for preliminary examination. After consultation with Assistant District Attorney Targart, the preliminary hearing was postponed until the date heretofore stated. Mr. Groff renewed his bond of \$10,000 given last night.

Postoffice officials refused to give any information respecting the go-between. The Postmaster-General tonight said: "That there is a third party in this matter I have no doubt, but I cannot say anything further."

He was asked whether the delay in making an arrest was due to failure to locate the man. The Postmaster-General replied in the negative. He significantly suggested that sometimes it was best not to be too precipitate in taking action, and there was an intimation that the department might desire the go-between to turn state's evidence.

Charges Against Beavers. A report was published here today that George W. Beavers, ex-superintendent of the Division of Salaries and Allowances, in the city, but the department denied having any such information. Mr. Payne was asked as to the nature of the charges on file against Mr. Beavers. He replied that they might be summed up as the payment of extravagant prices for materials and supplies used in his division, including time-clocks and stamping machinery. He said there was only one charge, that Mr. Beavers had received a commission on these supplies. This charge, he said, is under investigation. A much more recent overhauling of the affairs of Mr. Beavers' former office will begin shortly.

Free-Delivery Investigation Goes On. The investigation of the affairs of the free-delivery division, it is stated, has not been interrupted by the arrest of Machen. The inspectors who brought about this result are continuing their inquiry, and will probe into other charges against Mr. Machen. In this connection Postmaster-

General Payne today said one of the charges under investigation was an allegation that Mr. Machen had forged the name of another man on an official paper about ten years ago. He said that Mr. Machen knew of this charge, and had informed him (the Postmaster-General) that he (Machen) was ready at any time to bring conclusive proof that he was innocent. Other charges involve letter-box contracts. Some of the charges are similar to those on which yesterday's arrest was based.

Overhauling of the free-delivery branch will be thorough, and Postmaster-General Payne today declared with emphasis that the investigation will not end until all irregularities have been thoroughly inquired into and eradicated. He said there had been a few charges against several other officers of the department, but the complaints of irregularities were confined practically to the free-delivery service, the Salary and Allowance Division and the office of the Assistant Attorney-General.

Abuses Will Never Occur Again. Postmaster-General Payne has given much attention to means of better safeguarding the miscellaneous appropriations available in various bureaus. These appropriations are the greatest latitude in expenditures. "Unquestionably," said Mr. Payne, "these abuses will not occur again."

He called attention to the fact that the rural service, at its inception, was of an experimental nature, and said much latitude was given on that account. The employees of that service, until recently, were not subject to civil service rules, their appointments being made subject to the discretion of the Postmaster-General, who, he added, was, after all, the responsible party, though the multiplicity of details made it physically impossible for him to examine into every matter he signed. The Groff contract was made under the miscellaneous appropriation, and the details of the contract, the first linking of the circumstances that led to Mr. Machen's arrest was gained in examining miscellaneous expenditures.

Decision Affecting the Case. Attention was called today to a decision of the Controller of the Treasury in 1896 holding that in purchase of patented and copyrighted articles, where the benefit of competition could not be secured, section 200 does not require advertising for proposals, nor formal contracts for such purchases. This decision, modified one of Auditor Howard, rendered June 20, 1898, in connection with the temporary suspension of accounts involving purchases made for the free delivery service, including the Groff contract, which figured in Mr. Machen's arrest. The Auditor, in his decision, held that under that statute the Auditor had to require duplicates of contracts for all supplies purchased by the Postoffice Department to be filed in the Auditor's office, except that where there is no contract, and an immediate purchase of the article is desired, the practice has been to require a statement on the voucher, by the purchasing officer, that the purchase was required by an exigency of the service.

"That construction," the Auditor commented at that time, "seems never to have been applied fully to purchases made for the free delivery service. Contracts for articles required for that service invariably are filed in this office, but purchases made outside of any contract heretofore have been audited without the exigency clause indorsed from the voucher."

The accounts then held pending the final action of the Controller, who admitted the accounts, involved not only the Groff faster, but the time clock which records the exact time of letter carriers, to meet the exigencies of the eight-hour law; postal straps furnished for use of the carriers; copies of city directories, repairing satchels, time-cards for street letter boxes, and expenditures for erecting and painting street letter-boxes. The First Assistant Postmaster-General's report on this subject to the Controller, in which the Controller acquiesced, said that this device, in the profits of whose manufacture Mr. Machen is accused of participating, enabled the department "to save time and money."

Assistant Attorney-General Robb, of the

Postoffice Department had a long conference today with United States Attorney Beach. It is the wish of the Postmaster-General that the trial of the Machen case be expedited as much as possible. The evidence in the case has already been reviewed by Attorney-General Knox, Solicitor-General Hoyt and District Attorney Beach, and the prosecution now rests with the Department of Justice. The Federal grand jury is in session, and it is expected that the case of Mr. Machen will be presented immediately to that body. The civil suit and attachment proceedings to recover the amounts alleged by the Postmaster-General to have been retained from the postbox fastener contracts will be instituted at once.

COURT OF INQUIRY ORDERED. Howse Desires Further Vindication on Philippine Cruelty Charge.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Secretary of War today made public his findings in the case of charges by Major G. K. Hunter against Major Robert L. Howse for alleged cruelty in the Philippines. The secretary finds that no beatings occurred such as was charged.

The Secretary has decided to appoint a board of officers in the Philippines to make a further inquiry and to ascertain the sources of the testimony adduced, and inquire whether any malice was shown in the action of Major Hunter against Howse.

Secretary Root concludes as follows: "I am not satisfied, however, to leave the case here, resting upon ex parte affidavits. Major Howse has asked for a court of inquiry, and I direct that a board of three officers be detailed by the commanding General, division of the Philippines, to proceed to Laoag and call on the witnesses whose names appear on the affidavits procured by Major Hunter and subject them to examination and cross-examination upon the facts and call all other witnesses whom they may find to have knowledge of the facts and circumstances testified to by Major Hunter, it appears from his report made the investigation under an order issued by Lieutenant-General Miles, dated Manila, November 28, 1902. This order is signed by Lieutenant-General Marion P. Maus, as aide-de-camp, and directs Hunter to proceed to Laoag and investigate the death of the two natives alleged to have been killed by whippings and also as to other natives alleged to have been maltreated. On December 14, Major-General Davis ordered Hunter to make his report to the headquarters at Manila.

CULLION TO SPEAK FOR JEWS. Senator Will Lay Kishineff Massacre Before Roosevelt.

PEORIA, Ill., May 28.—Samuel Woolner, Sr., in his capacity of president of the Union of American League of Jewish Knowledge, in a personal interview at Springfield with Senator Cullion, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the United States, laid the matter of the massacre of the Jews by the Russians fully before him.

Mr. Cullion promised that he would personally bring the matter to the attention of President Roosevelt, who will be in Springfield in a few days.

Modocs Still Long for Oregon. WASHINGTON, May 28.—An Indian inspector has been ordered to Quapaw Indian Agency, in Indian Territory, to investigate the dissatisfaction of the Modoc Indians who have expressed a desire to return to their old home in the Klamath reservation, in Oregon. He will endeavor to persuade the malcontents to postpone their departure until Congress can provide for them.

Wisconsin Sails for Yokohama. HONOLULU, May 28.—(By Pacific cable.)—The United States battleship Wisconsin, which arrived here last Saturday from the Bremerton navy-yard, sailed today for Yokohama. She will join the United States squadron on the Asiatic station.

FLOOD DRIVES MANY OUT

IOWA PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

Des Moines River Will Surpass the Unprecedented High-Water Mark of Last Year.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 28.—Hundreds of families were driven from their homes by floods today, closely approaching the unprecedented record of last year, and the river continued to rise with such rapidity as to render it apparent that last year's record will soon be surpassed. At the Sixth-street bridge in North Des Moines the gauge is within six inches of last year's record of 24.4 feet. In the heart of the city the gauge indicates approximately 19 feet. The water is rising at the rate of two inches an hour.

Reports from above Des Moines indicate that last year's record has been surpassed, and the water is rising at a startling rate. All night scores of men patrolled the river banks, strengthening the levees, while many more were employed in removing inhabitants and household goods from the bottoms. All the levees on Maurice street gave way before the floods of the Des Moines River, flooded by those of the Racoon, and 190 houses were flooded in an incredibly short time, forcing the inmates to run for their lives. The Racoon is keeping pace with the Des Moines, and the two rivers are now flooding a territory in the southwestern portion of the state.

At 9:45 the center span of the \$85,000 Melan archbridge, in process of construction on Sixth street, was carried away, while many persons had to be rescued in boats from upper floors. The Little Sioux and the Nishnabotna Rivers are the highest in their history.

News came from Schaller of the drowning of Curtis Seck. Communication was reopened with Audubon and it was learned that seven children were seriously hurt in a tornado Tuesday night, and that five persons were injured at Brooks.

INDIANA SUFFERS HEAVILY. Reports From Tornado Show Great Damage to Property.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 28.—Details of the work of the storm which swept almost every part of the state were received today. At Alexandria the Pennsylvania power of a cotton gin suffered a loss of several thousand dollars, and William Gray, a machinist, was killed. A part of the Republic Steel Company's roof was lifted. The aggregate property loss is large. At Walton, Mansford Stevens was killed by lightning and four other men were severely injured.

At Hammond the wind wrecked the home of Policeman William Bunde and Bunde was severely injured. Edward Brennan, a railway engineer, died of the shock. Christopher Hodel and his son were struck by lightning. The boy was killed and the father fatally injured. Heavy damage was done at Greensburg, Frankfort, Thornton, Decatur, Windfall, Camden and Geneva. Property loss in Howard County alone is estimated at \$100,000.

KANSAS SITUATION IS SERIOUS. Flood Is Higher Than for Years—Railroad Traffic Blocked.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 28.—A worse flood situation prevails in Kansas tonight than for years. Bridges are out, railway tracks submerged, telegraph wires down, many

families driven from their homes, and thousands of acres of corn ruined. The wheat prospect is materially reduced. The Union Pacific has passed no trains on its line between this city and Manhattan since Tuesday. Between here and Kansas City the track is submerged in three places, and at Salina the water is so high that trains can neither enter nor leave the city.

The Rock Island tracks are under water in Central Kansas. Washouts are reported at several places on the Santa Fe. On the Missouri Pacific, no trains have been running on the Central branch for several days. The trouble is at Frankfort, where the river is over the tracks for half a mile. Telegraph service is in a bad condition. Practically all the Rock Island, Union Pacific and Santa Fe wires are down. E. D. Briggs, a rural mail-carrier, and Ed Helstrom, attempted to cross a small stream at McPherson this morning, and were drowned. Leo Wells, of Emporia, was drowned there today in the Cottonwood River.

Flood Losses Reach \$500,000. GUTHRIE, O. T., May 28.—Official reports today from Anadarko territorial officials, place the flood losses at three times that of any former year. From Hobart the estimate of losses placed at \$500,000. All telephone and telegraph lines are down and 32 miles of the Rock Island tracks are out between Hobart and Anadarko.

The wheat and oat crops in that vicinity are total failures as a result of the terrific hail storms.

NOVEL 1904 FAIR EXHIBIT United States, in Miniature, Will Show the Products of Each State.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 28.—On the southern slope of the hill that fronts the Philippine exhibit, the Department of Agriculture is making a map of the United States to cover 5.1 acres of ground. Considerable work has already been done here by David A. Brodie, superintendent of the open air exhibit of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, who has been in St. Louis since early Spring in charge of the map projected.

Mr. Brodie and his assistant are laboriously drawing on the ground the jagged coast line of the United States. Starting from Oregon he has already reached Pennsylvania, Fla., and before the week is ended he will probably have finished the coast line. Then will come the drawing of the dividing lines between the states. The entire five acres has been underlaid with wooden drains to carry off the surface water. Products grown by each state will be exhibited at their proper place on the map.

World's Fair Commissioner Cridler called from St. Petersburg, Russia, as follows: "Reserve site for Russian pavilion among those of the great nations, subject to the approval of the Commissioner-General, who will arrive at St. Louis in July."

To Obtain German's Co-operation. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 28.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard University, will sail Saturday for Germany, where he will officially represent the St. Louis Exposition in an effort to secure the co-operation of the German government and educational institutions in the International Congress of Science to be held in St. Louis next year.

MOTOR CAR FOR DESERT Camels May Be Run Out of Business Indefinitely.

Brooklyn Eagle. When you are writing about the camel, the proper thing to do is to call him the ship of the desert and quote a verse or two of "Kipling's" "Camels." Call him a ship while you can, for the time is coming when you can't with any likelihood of folks knowing what you mean, for the motor truck is going to displace him as a paragon of freighter on the sandy wastes. You may, however, quote from "Camels" indefinitely, or until armies give up using camels for transport service in

the East, which is likely to be a long while yet. The motor-car? Oh, yes. It's this way: Two ingenious English inventors, George Winter and James Ellis, have constructed a devil-wagon for desert travel that appears to have the camel beat to a finish. The great difficulty was, of course, to design a wheel that would not sink deep into the sand beneath the weight of the carriage and its cargo. Messrs. Winter and Ellis have made such a wheel, however, and it has proven equal to every test to which it has yet been subjected. It is a broad, flat tire, with a flange in the center to throw up the sand

on either side and so made a bed for the flat part of the wheel. With the wheel problem solved, the Winter-Ellis carts will carry 40 men across the desert at the rate of five miles an hour—not very fast going, but still quicker in the long run, beside being more economical than camel-traveling. Winter and Ellis have been experimenting under the direct authorization of the Egyptian government.

REMEMBER 4—THINGS—4 THE ARTICLES: Solid-pack Vegetables, FIRST QUALITY

CORN TOMATOES PEAS BEANS

15c straight everywhere. OUR PRICE: Only 11c per can First Quality CANNED FRUIT 15c straight everywhere.

Our Price—20c—Our Price THE DATES: MAY 29 AND 30 ONLY THE PLACE: NEW YORK GROCERY

11th and Morrison Streets Tel. Main 2287 THE PLAN

The plan is to kill two birds with one stone. We bought too many of these first-quality goods and if we sold them all at the regular price they would run over into next season, and that must never happen.

No Stale Stock With Us That's one bird—you are the other. We want to meet you and become acquainted. We want to start some trade with you. We want you to come into the store and see the big, fresh display of provisions; if you cannot come, telephone and we will deliver promptly. It is a hobby of ours to deliver things when they are wanted.

Our business has grown rapidly by simple, logical methods such as the above. Now look back to the first again and

Remember 4—Things—4 Goods bought Friday and Saturday will be charged on next month's account. Look for this ad. every Friday.

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