

## PREPARED FOR THE CLERK OF THE JAIL

Charged by Government With Theft From the Oakland Postoffice.

\$7000 TAKEN IN A MONTH

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OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—Charged with a shortage of \$7000 in her employ, Miss Lulu Bowen, a pretty clerk employed at Substation No. 1, Oakland Postoffice, was taken into custody tonight by Assistant Postmaster Paul Schaffer and Deputy District Attorney Brown, and is now occupying a cell in the County Jail. Her employment is the charge against her.

Miss Bowen is a daughter of Mrs. Mary P. Bowen, and lives with her mother in a fashionable residence. She has been employed at the substation under Mrs. Matilda Brown, the superintendent of the station, for many months. Her alleged shortage covers a period of one month. The big amount of money was taken by the heavy Christmas rush at the office. The population is said to have been made in the stamp and money order department. According to Postmaster T. T. Dargie, the discovery of the shortage in accounts was made by Postal Inspector R. R. Munro, who came into town announced and went through the books. Miss Bowen was taken into custody at the jail tonight, in compliance with the order of District Attorney Brown. It is impossible to learn what has become of the large amount of money. Miss Bowen is said to have taken from the office.

EXPLAINS TO STEVENS POST

Mead Alleges Adjutant Removed From Home Was Inefficient.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A six-page letter from Governor Mead explaining the removal of Adjutant G. D. Conger from the Soldiers' Home at Orting, on the ground that ex-Adjutant G. D. Conger was inefficient and that he was removed from the place, was received by Stevens Post tonight. This is the largest Grand Army organization in the state, and Governor Mead asked the post to recall its former action in endorsing his appointment of his brother-in-law. Accompanying the voluminous communication were copies of letters written the department commander and the postmaster. After they were read the post unanimously ordered they be placed on file and ignored the request for rescinding the former action.

HOLCOMB SEARCH GIVEN UP

All Hope of Finding Man Lost in Idaho Mountains Abandoned.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—The last of the searchers for William Holcomb, who was lost in the mountains above Neal on Nov. 28, came to the conclusion tonight that finding the man alive has been abandoned, and it is believed he is buried under the snow, not to be discovered until spring.

Canadian Flour Is Undersold.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 23.—Mr. McLean, Canadian agent in Japan, telegraphs that the imports of Canadian flour for the year ending September 30 show \$5.10 compared with \$7.65 for the previous year. He says the decrease is due to the supply of American flour at lower rates.

Yale Wins at Basketball.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—In a basketball game which brought out a large attendance to football, in point of interest, Yale defeated the Atlanta Athletic Club here tonight by 24 to 15.

Billy Edwards Can Wrestle.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—In a wrestling match here tonight Billy Edwards, of Portland, Or., won two of three bouts from Charles Leonard, of New Jersey.

ENGLISH DRINK LESS.

King Has Set the Example of Abstemiousness.

Toronto Mail.  
There is much less drinking and much less drunkenness in England than there was 20 years ago. In Liverpool, London and in Portsmouth, I have not seen a score of "drunks" in two months, and I have been about in all sorts of places to which a reasonably respectable man might go, and have met with all sorts of conditions of people. The most wonderful instance was perhaps at Portsmouth, during the visit of the French fleet, when the city was full of sailors bent on debauchery, and when one would naturally expect to see a certain latitude, and more than a few cases of artificially elevated spirits passing into grotesque seriousness and the final stupor of inebriety. I saw the elevated and exhilarated demeanor every saloon was crammed full of vehemence, and in Liverpool, where drinking and shouting and toasting each other with great enjoyment and good feeling. Some were drinking wine that the Psalmist rejoiced in with thankfulness, and some were drinking beer, and some were drinking brandy. The doors were wide open, the afternoon sun shone in, revealing everything, and for those who like a jolting, laughing, singing, jollifying world it was evidently the no plus ultra of a good time. In some places honest women, the sisters and cousins, wives and mothers of the British tars, were taking their glass of beer or wine with unassuming honesty, and joining in the general hilarity. Yet there was no tipsy, but comical, not a single case for the Portsmouth Chief of Police in a special report made at the close of the festivities said that not a single instance of drunkenness had come under the notice of himself or his men, a statement which was a gratification to Admiral Caldwell's eyes. The reasons for the wave of sobriety that has undoubtedly passed over this country are to be sought for in several places. In first circles there is less drinking, first of all, because King Edward has succeeded in cutting down the supply of wine at a big dinner from 10 or 12 dozen bottles to three dozen, and the royal influence has been most unmistakably in favor of a dignified temperance in intoxicating liquors. He does not drink much himself, and society follows his example. He is no teetotaler, but he sets the fashion of using and not abusing the gifts of the Almighty in the way of wine. Again, there are a great many rich Americans over here who entertain lavishly, but their extravagance does not run in the direction of inordinate wine-bibbing. At luncheon and dinner they prefer apollina-

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