

PERRY S. HEATH HATH TESTIFIED. He knew of the Groff Fastener But Never Saw the Groff Until He Came Into Court. SAYS MACHEN WAS COMPETENT He Never Rubber Stamped a Document Calling for Expenditures of Money.

Cherry Pectoral Ayer's. I had a very bad cough for three years. When I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, my sore lungs were soon healed and my cough dropped away.—Mrs. PEARL HYDE, Guthrie Centre, Ia. Doctors first prescribed this grand medicine over sixty years ago. They use it today more than ever. They rely upon it for colds, coughs of all kinds, bronchitis, consumption. They will tell you how it heals inflamed lungs and strengthens weak throats.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Robert J. Wynne, first assistant postmaster general, who was on the stand when court adjourned on Wednesday, today resumed his testimony in the postal trial. On cross-examination by Mr. Kumlner, the witness said he did not know whether Groff fasteners were attached to rural free delivery boxes or not. There were many things connected with the postoffice department, he said, that he knew nothing about. "I am trying to learn," Mr. Wynne sarcastically remarked, "and am doing the best I can."

"Improperly signed, of course," he remarked, but he said he did not put the signature there himself. Mr. Maddox asked Mr. Wynne if he signed orders for 21 fasteners involving an expenditure of \$20,000 or \$40,000 without knowing the difference between them and a locomotive. The witness promptly replied "yes," saying that his scrutiny was sometimes short and rapid and at other times very extended.

On re-cross-examination Mr. Wynne said that his chief clerk, Howley, would have the right to use a rubber stamp. He said he had left one of these stamps in Machen's division, but not after December, 1902, with his knowledge or consent.

PERRY HEATH TESTIFIES. Perry S. Heath, former first assistant postmaster general, then took the stand. He testified to his service in the department from March, 1897, to July, 1900, and said he knew of the Groff fastener which had been adopted and was in use when he entered the office. The practice of the office in the matter of the purchase of supplies, he said, was continued after he entered upon his duties. He was shown an order for fasteners with his name attached and promptly said: "That is my name and signature, but I see it is signed with a rubber stamp. The stamp, he said, was used only for formal matters and it had not been his practice to rubber-stamp a document calling for the expenditure of money. He said that without his attention being particularly called to a requisition from Machen's division he would pass it in a normal manner. He declared that he never saw either of the Groff fasteners in his court this morning, and he did not remember ever having attached his signature with the rubber stamp to the order for fasteners in question.

On cross-examination Mr. Heath was led through a long line of questioning, the fact being brought out that in Machen's division subordinates prepared certain papers for Machen's initials. Atty. Douglas objected to the admission of papers such as had been offered in evidence, saying the government had not even laid the foundation for its charge of conspiracy. He demanded that the government now produce its evidence of conspiracy and conspiracy to defraud so as to connect Machen with specific knowledge of the transactions referred to. After some further argument the defense scored a point when the court decided that the evidence was not competent at this time. On cross-examination by Mr. Douglas, Mr. Heath said that after an article had been adopted by the department and its price fixed, and it had become a standard article of supply, the signing of requisitions would be a matter of routine. He was unable to say how long a time before he came into the office the Groff fastener had been registered as standard. He admitted that on the face of some of the documents shown him the reduction in

GREAT BRITAIN BEHIND JAPAN. The Former Now Almost as Deeply Committed as the Latter. RUSSIA APPLIES TO TURKEY. She Wants Permission to Send Her Black Sea Fleet Through the Dardanelles.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—That Russia has applied to Turkey for permission to send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles is confirmed authoritatively here, and it is also asserted that Russia will renew the application and press for Turkish consent. Germany's attitude, as at the time the four unarmed Russian torpedo-boat destroyers passed through the straits in September, 1902, is that she has no concern in the matter.

The British government is believed here to have identified itself more fully, week by week, with the Japanese position, until now Great Britain is almost as deeply committed as Japan. The position in which England now stands, according to the view taken of the situation here brought about by public opinion and by the feeling that Russia would yield if only a firm attitude were shown, has impressed and is impressing the Russian statesmen. The readiness with which the United States associated herself with Japan in pressing for the signatures of the commercial treaties with China is another fact contributory to the feeling in St. Petersburg that this is not the moment to fight. The decision for war or peace now rests with the czar's advisers, and symptoms are visible here that the decision will be in favor of largely admitting Japan's demands. The views of the British editors, partially derived from the foreign office in London, are looked upon here not only as significant, but also as being part of a great diplomatic game against Russia, and in that sense are somewhat discounted. The skill Japan has shown throughout the negotiations has attracted attention at the German foreign office.

Leon Soeder Booked for Murder. San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Detective Gibson today swore to a complaint charging Leon Soeder, now in the city prison, with the murder of his brother-in-law, which was committed yesterday and made returnable this afternoon. Soeder's application for a writ of habeas corpus was denied by Judge Durne and the accused was remanded to the custody of the police.

A Shooting in Baker City. Baker City, Or., Jan. 15.—W. F. Butcher, former Democratic candidate for state in 1902, although White was able to walk for several hundred feet to secure medical aid, the physicians are unable to state tonight whether he will recover. White and Butcher are interested in a contract for the construction of a light and water plant at Weiser, Ida. White says that he went to Butcher's office to make a contract for the plant and while there hot words passed. White adds that he told Butcher when he met him on the street he proposed to shoot him. White says that he is stated Butcher drew a revolver and shot White. Butcher surrendered himself and was later released on bond. In the future, he makes a statement further than that he shot in self-defense.

Queen Lil May Get the Money. Washington, Jan. 15.—The senate committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico has made a favorable report on Senator Blackburn's bill to pay Liliuokalani, formerly queen of Hawaii, the sum of \$200,000 in full satisfaction of all claims to the former crown lands in Hawaii.

Indianapolis Gets Prohibitionists. Chicago, Jan. 15.—A meeting of the national executive committee of the Prohibition party was held in Chicago today. After the meeting, National Chairman Oliver L. Stewart gave an address to the Associated Press the following announcement: At the meeting of the national executive committee today, held at Chicago, it was held that the guarantee of prohibition in the constitution of Kansas City was not satisfactory, and the convention was located in Indianapolis, to be held on June 29.

One Cattleman Shoots Another. Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 15.—A telephone message received from Nogales this morning tells of a shooting affray between Jerry Shea and Dick Harrison of Cochise, Ariz., on the San Rafael ranch. They are well known cattlemen, and it appears there was a dispute over a cattle transaction. Shea shot Harrison through the stomach, inflicting a fatal wound.

CASSINI SEES SECRETARY HAY. Conference Results in Clearing Up Misunderstanding Between Russia and United States. IT RELATED TO MANCHURIA. Ambassador Assured American Interest There is Absolutely Commercial.

Washington, Jan. 15.—What might have developed into an unfortunate misunderstanding between the governments of the United States and Russia regarding the interests of the United States in Manchuria was adjusted at a conference at the state department between Mr. Hay, the secretary of state, and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today. As a result the Russian government will be advised by the ambassador that he had the best assurances that the interest of this country in Manchuria is absolutely and exclusively commercial, and that the consuls sent to Mukden and Antung will confine their activities to the faithful care of American trade interests in that province.

Count Cassini called at the state department today to inquire into certain statements which several European diplomats here had brought to his attention and interpreted to indicate a change of policy on the part of this government in the direction of political intervention in Manchuria. The ambassador himself was unwilling to believe that such a change was even contemplated in view of his understanding that the United States interests in Manchuria were those of trade, not territory.

This conviction was confirmed by his visit to the state department. The conference between the secretary and the ambassador was characterized by cordiality on both sides. The ambassador was assured that this government does not contemplate the substitution of a political for a commercial policy in the far east. This position of the United States, it was stated later, enabled the Russian government to execute with minute fidelity the assurances given and eventually to withdraw from the Russian authorities. Not even a change of administrative control, it is said, should the progress of events necessitate such a step, would interfere with the treaty provisions this government has with China regarding our trade in Manchuria.

Diplomats here attach significance to the statement which the president is said to have made to Russia's ambassador at the diplomatic dinner last night, that he earnestly hoped that the far eastern situation might be saved by diplomacy.

SEYMOUR R. CHURCH FAILS. He Over Estimated Pacific Coast's Capacity to Consume Big Iron. San Francisco, Jan. 16.—The Examiner announces today the failure of Seymour R. Church, the California pig iron merchant, to liquidate his liabilities. He is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. The three principal creditors interested in connection with the failure are Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Girvin & Evers, Meyer, Wilson & Co., the leading importers of pig iron at this port. The failure is said to be due to the fact that the capacity of the coast to consume pig iron was over estimated, and it is also said that the three principal creditors had likewise over estimated the market which has in consequence become glutted. To complicate matters there has been a general fall in price all over the country, the decline in the east of late being in the neighborhood of \$5 per ton. It is understood that Church has contracted for a number of shipments of pig iron for this port which have not yet been cleared from European and Atlantic seaboard points, which increased the complication of the firm's affairs.

HE IS NOT RUNNING AWAY. Edward R. Thomas is in Paris, And Not Avoiding Authorities. New York, Jan. 16.—Edward R. Thomas, son of the late Senator Samuel Thomas, who was recently reported to have run down and killed a peasant woman in Italy while automobiling, is still in that city, says a Paris dispatch today. After the meeting of the report, its denial, and the statement that the Italian government is seeking his arrest, he is not running away. I did not run away from Italy, but stayed there over a week after the alleged accident. I did not run away from New York when my auto accident occurred here. Accidents are as liable to occur when one is driving a donkey cart as an automobile. Many automobiles pass daily over the road from Rome to Naples. It is a favorite highway, but I refuse to mention the names of the automobilists who passed along the road the day of the accident. If the press want to drop the blame on me, let them bring over a cable. The first I heard about the charge was when I reached Paris.

Sam Parks' Name to be Dropped. New York, Jan. 16.—Members of the House and the Bridgeman's union, No. 2, have voted unanimously to drop the names of Sam Parks, Timothy McCarthy and Wm. S. Devery from the membership books of the union, to abolish the office of walking delegate and to make a last effort for peace with their employers. Two walking delegates who succeeded Parks and Mc-

Yours Shoely HIRSCHMANS SHOE PEOPLE THE GREAT SHOE SELLING SALE. GREATER STOCK, better values, more worth, and the best of shoe bargains, makes this January clearing sale the most attractive. We've lost the exact rule for measuring price reductions. But we know this is the deepest gash into figures we've yet attempted. The entire shoe stock is included NO EXCEPTIONS.

WOMEN'S DEPT. The very heart of the cold wave is upon us once more, and colder weather to come than we've had before, yet zero price are placed on warm lined shoes. Women's warm lined shoes, choice of values to \$2.25, neat toe shapes for street, wide toe sorts for solid comfort folks. Hand turn soles. \$1.45 Women's warm lined shoes, also kid toe felt Julietts, \$1.75 values, and all over \$1.50 for trimmed. 98c Women's warm lined shoes and felt fur-trimmed Julietts, the clearing of up to \$1.50 values; good roomy toe shapes, sewed soles and nicely leather foxed. 85c Women's warm felt slippers, values to 90c, felt or leather soles, some leather foxed or all plume soles, good quality, value at. 49c

OUR BOYS' DEPT. The average shoe advertised for boys and girls is bought to sell. Every shoe we carry is bought to wear. We know that one pair sells another and here is your great opportunity to buy good shoes for less than shoddy sorts. Misses' shoes, a clearing of all sorts, values to \$2.25, famous makes, in kid or calf skin, and complete line of shield shoes. \$1.25 Girls' shoes, our famous shield shoe, it stands the race. Dresses or school sorts. Priced this way, sizes 8 1/2 to 11. Shield shoe, value \$1.00 \$1.35. Misses' shoes, a clearing of \$1.50 lot. Kid or calf sorts, at. 75c Boys' shoes. Solid calf skin, some leather foxed, sizes 12 and 13, 4 and 5, at. \$1.00 Boys' shoes on bargain tables. Bluchers and school shoes, bottom sorts, at. \$1.45

WOMEN'S SHOES. There are many appeals made in advertising to women's purses, many strong statements. You must separate the wheat from the chaff. Here are values that square themselves and are best by test. Women's shoes, our Shield line, a value at \$2.25, neat styles, many styles, good sorts for school girls, now. \$1.45 Women's shoes, our Hebe line, a swell line of kid and regular lined shoes. Many swell styles for dress or service sorts. Includes patent and kid. A value at \$2.15 Women's Shoes at \$2.65. The swellest of the swell values, to \$5. Includes French heels and regular heel sorts. Light and extension soles. A to be desirable lot of good shoes way underpriced. Women's Shoes at \$1.95. A clean up of all broken lines, including the Kulture and other famous makes, light or heavy sole sorts on bargain table.

MEN'S SHOES. Men's shoes that will not disappoint you these wet days—that stand the test of roughest wear and swell sorts for street wear. We make particular mention of our display of shoes for men, many under price. Best \$7 and \$8 high top men's shoes. \$5.95 Best \$6 high top men's shoes. \$4.35 Best \$5 high top men's shoes. \$3.85 Best \$4 and \$4.50 high top men's shoes. \$3.35 Best \$3.50 high top men's shoes. \$2.85

WINTER SKIN TORTURE ECZEMA A DEMON OF DISCOMFORT

When to the other discomforts of winter is added the torments of Eczema, existence becomes a long-drawn-out period of bodily suffering and untold misery. Of all the varied types and forms of this violent and terrifying skin disease, that which comes in the winter season is the worst. While Eczema is aggravated by the cold, penetrating winds, it is not due to atmospheric conditions or external causes. The disease itself is located in the blood, and is an internal, constitutional disorder. The pent-up secretions, the biting acids and poisonous matter that have accumulated in the system because of an inactive, torpid state of the bodily organs, are absorbed into the circulation, polluting the blood, filling the veins with acrid particles and liquid fire that dries out the natural oils, irritates and clogs the pores, causing the skin to redden and burn, and itch and smart almost beyond endurance. Eczema in winter is a demon of discomfort. The skin hardens and dries, cracks and bleeds; filthy-looking sores and crusts, scaly eruptions and other painful and disgusting symptoms appear as the disease takes deeper hold upon the system. Eczema generally attacks the legs and arms, face, chest, hands and feet, breaking out in red, angry-looking patches, sparsely-scattered pimples or watery blisters; but in whatever form it appears, or wherever located, it is an evidence of a too acid condition of the system, and if the cause is not removed and the progress of the disease checked, it grows and spreads and becomes a lingering torture. No permanent good comes from washes, salves and ointments; they are helpful but not curative. The disease is running riot in the blood, the acid poisons are circulating all through the system, and nothing applied to the surface of the body can penetrate deep enough to reach the fountain source of the trouble and root out the real cause of this terrible skin disease. Eczema must be fought through the blood system, and an internal remedy that enters into the circulation and searches out and neutralizes the acids and destroys the poisonous secretions offers the only chance of permanent relief.

SSS The various mineral preparations are bad on the stomach and digestion, and the temporary good they do is over-balanced by the harmful after-effects. In S.S.S. is offered a remedy absolutely vegetable; it doesn't contain a single mineral or injurious drug of any kind. It is composed exclusively of roots and herbs selected for their curative and tonic properties. It purifies the blood and cleanses the system of all irritating substances, stimulates the sluggish organs and invigorates and builds up all parts of the system. Under its tonic effect the appetite increases, the digestion improves, the nerves are strengthened and all the complications brought on by the long-continued spell of Eczema driven away. With the restoration of the blood to its natural, normal condition, and the system freed of all unhealthy secretions, the eruptions, sores and other evidences of Eczema disappear, and the skin becomes soft, smooth and pliable. If you have Eczema or any skin trouble, write us and let our physicians help you by their advice, for which no charge whatever will be made.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.

Carthy resigned and then the officers were voted out of existence. The city officials are going to test the apparatus and one theater is now being equipped. Campaign Against Usurers. New York, Jan. 16.—A campaign against usurers is being carried on by the district attorney's forces here, which has led to the discovery that many of the money lenders are banded together and have maintained a sort of clearing house to facilitate their operations. The alerting advertisements offering unsecured loans to persons working on a salary are believed to be fostered by a small group of men whose true identity has been hidden through their employing women to carry on the business. Four of these women are now under arrest and have been held for trial. They are charged with endeavoring to collect interest on loans which in some cases equaled the principal. A few days ago two women were convicted on similar charges and fined heavily.

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