

POSTAL SCANDAL REPORT AT HAND

Bristow Completes Papers Telling of Investigation and Suggests Change in System.

Main Features of the Report in Which Postmaster General Bristow Gives Credit for Beginning the Inquiry—Important Recommendations Are Included in Document.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, who for the last half year has been head of the investigation of one of the greatest postal scandals in the history of the government, completed his report to the postmaster general Thursday night, who, with a brief letter of transmittal, will forward it to President Roosevelt some time during the present week, probably before the cabinet meeting on Friday.

These are the main features of the report, the first of which will be a surprise to the public:

Postmaster General Payne is given the credit for beginning the investigation.

Details of the inquiry into the cases now before the courts are reviewed.

Abuses which have grown up under the machinations of the Beavers-Machen ring are related in unmistakable language.

Thorough reorganization of the bureau of which Beavers and Machen had charge is recommended.

Abolishing of office of superintendent of free delivery, formerly held by Machen, is recommended.

Administrative acts during the Perry S. Heath tenure of office as first assistant postmaster general are criticized severely, although Heath is not named directly.

The work of the inspectors who were brought into the postal scandal dragnet is given high praise.

The report criticizes the administration of the Washington city postoffice, sustaining a large part of the Tulloch charges.

Among the most important recommendations regarding administrative changes will be that of looking to the abolishment of the office of general superintendent of free delivery. Mr. Bristow takes the ground that as there are already two superintendents in this division, one of city delivery and the other of rural delivery, each of these can manage his respective bureau without the supervision of a general superintendent.

Men Discharged.

Washington, Oct. 22.—As a result of the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, Postmaster General Payne has removed from office Michael W. Louis, superintendent of supplies; Louis K. Gamm, chief of the registry division of the third assistant postmaster general's office; and C. E. Terry, a \$900 clerk in the department. He also directed the postmaster at New York to remove Otto Weis, a clerk.

VESSEL STRIKES REEF.

Steamer South Portland Wrecked in the Pacific Ocean and Twenty-two Persons Probably Lost.

Marshfield, Ore., Oct. 21.—The steamer South Portland, which sailed from Portland, Ore., last Sunday loaded with wheat for San Francisco, struck on Blanco reef Monday evening at five o'clock carrying a heavy log. The vessel carried a crew of 22 and 17 passengers. Of these 17 have reached shore. Charles Huxon, the first engineer, died of exposure as he was being taken off the life raft. Twenty-one persons are yet missing and probably lost.

Large Concern in Trouble.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 23.—The Acme Harvester company, one of the largest manufacturers of agricultural implements, has been forced to place its affairs in the hands of a committee representing the creditors and ask an extension of time. The assets of the company, it is asserted, are nearly \$4,000,000, and considerably in excess of their liabilities.

Get Large Sum.

Superior, Wis., Oct. 22.—When the Superior post office was opened for business at seven o'clock yesterday morning the large vault was found to have been rifled of practically the entire supply of stamps, amounting to between \$15,000 and \$15,500. About \$100 in fractional silver was also secured.

Thanked by President.

London, Oct. 23.—A cable message has been received in London from President Roosevelt thanking the American commissioners and counsel of the Alaskan boundary tribunal and expressing congratulation in the name of the people of the United States on the result of the tribunal's deliberations.

Broke All Records.

Boston, Oct. 22.—The battleship Missouri broke all previous records in her speed trials yesterday. She covered 33 nautical miles and return at an average of 18.05 knots, but when the tidal corrections have been made it is believed her actual rate will prove nearer 18.22.

Pittsburg Bank Closed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—The Federal national bank succumbed yesterday to a run of its depositors, and after nearly \$2,000,000 had been withdrawn failed to open its doors. It still owes depositors \$1,900,000.

Illinois Bank Falls.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 22.—The Exchange bank, the only institution of its kind at Lockport, closed its doors yesterday with liabilities of \$111,000.

TO SAVE NEW YORK.

Dr. Dowie with a Large Band of His Followers, Begins a Campaign in the Big City.

New York, Oct. 20.—After attending an early service in Madison Square Garden John Alexander Dowie's "Restoration Host," numbering nearly 4,000, began Monday a house to house canvass of the city. Before giving them his final instructions, Dr. Dowie said: "I am going out to do a little restoration work myself and I want you far from Wall street. Pray for me."

New York, Oct. 21.—John Alexander Dowie was again hided by his audience in Madison Square garden last night. At least one-half the audience left at the end of the first hour, many protesting indignantly at the language with which Dowie had entertained them. At times he did things which led to expressions of doubt as to his sanity.

New York, Oct. 22.—Two hundred of the followers of John Alexander Dowie indicated that they were tired of the work of reforming New York city and wanted to return to their homes when the "general overcast" invited all who wanted to give up the work and give others a chance to try it up to step forward at the early meeting in Madison Square garden Thursday.

New York, Oct. 24.—John Alexander Dowie started for Boston with his wife last night, ostensibly to see her start on her journey to Australia. He absolutely declined to indicate in any way when he will return to the city, and the information obtained indicated that he intends to sail with his family for Australia. So far as known Dowie has not made a convert in New York. His whole trip up to date has been a miserable failure.

Administrative acts during the Perry S. Heath tenure of office as first assistant postmaster general are criticized severely, although Heath is not named directly.

The work of the inspectors who were brought into the postal scandal dragnet is given high praise.

The report criticizes the administration of the Washington city postoffice, sustaining a large part of the Tulloch charges.

Among the most important recommendations regarding administrative changes will be that of looking to the abolishment of the office of general superintendent of free delivery. Mr. Bristow takes the ground that as there are already two superintendents in this division, one of city delivery and the other of rural delivery, each of these can manage his respective bureau without the supervision of a general superintendent.

Men Discharged.

Washington, Oct. 22.—As a result of the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, Postmaster General Payne has removed from office Michael W. Louis, superintendent of supplies; Louis K. Gamm, chief of the registry division of the third assistant postmaster general's office; and C. E. Terry, a \$900 clerk in the department. He also directed the postmaster at New York to remove Otto Weis, a clerk.

BANDITS ROB BANKS.

Institution at Burton, Kan., Looted of \$2,000—Burglars Secure Small Sum in Illinois.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 24.—A telephone message from Burton says that three bandits dynamited and robbed the Burton state bank between midnight and one o'clock. The bank officials are reticent and will not give facts. There was no watch, and the alarm system was found to be out of order, and an investigation resulted in the discovery of the robbery.

The robbers secured but \$2,000, overlooking a compartment containing a large sum of currency.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 24.—The bank of Dr. H. L. Burnett, at Raleigh, five miles west of Eldorado, was broken into Friday by four men, who succeeded in blowing off the outside door of the vault. The explosion awakened Dr. Burnett and his son, who reside directly across the street from the bank. Dr. Burnett opened fire with a revolver and his son with a rifle, and the robbers were driven off, but not until they had secured \$500 in pension checks, notes and mortgages.

DEADLY STORM.

Thirty Persons Killed or Drowned and Several Others Injured at Massillon.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 21.—Advice received here from Massillon, Mexico, state that the terrific storm which visited that city and port a few days ago caused considerable loss of life. In the city 16 people were killed and a number of others injured. The ships in the harbor also suffered much damage. The Danish schooner Clara was entirely wrecked and the captain and 14 sailors were drowned.

Case Are Telescoped.

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 20.—The Rock Island limited, east-bound, crashed into an extra freight train, west-bound, while running at a high rate of speed at Oxford, west of this city, Sunday. A dozen persons were injured slightly, but no one was seriously hurt. The conductor and engineer of the passenger train leaped and sustained slight injuries. About 30 persons were in the dining car when the shock came. The impact was terrific and the tables were upset and the dishes smashed. Many persons were struck in the face and on their heads. The passenger engine was turned over on its side and was demolished, while the freight engine was badly wrecked.

Pardoned by President.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The president has commuted to expire immediately the sentences of Marion Marshall, Cyrus Raines and Burton Harper, coal miners, who were convicted in West Virginia of resisting a United States marshal. They were sentenced on June 11, 1903. Marshall and Harper to imprisonment for eight months, and Raines to imprisonment for five months in the Raleigh county jail.

Football Victim.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 22.—Out of a scrimmage between the naval academy team and the eleven of Baltimore medical college one player was dragged out dead yesterday afternoon. Robert E. Lewis, of Plainfield, N. H., a second-year man at the medical college, was the victim of the rough play. The fatality brought the game to an immediate end.

Seattle Bank Falls.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20.—The Seattle branch of the International Bank & Trust Company of America, which failed Saturday, has closed its doors and is in charge of a receiver. The assets of the local bank are given as \$7,000, and the liabilities \$95,000. Seattle customers, it is said, will receive over 90 per cent. of their deposits.

New Trotting Record.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 20.—Crescent broke the world's trotting record for a mile Monday afternoon, going the distance in 1:59, beating the previous record held by Lou Dillon and Major Delmar by a quarter of a second.

PRESIDENT CALLS SPECIAL SESSION.

Roosevelt Summons Congress to Consider Commercial Convention with Cuba.

Chief Executive Says It Is Important to the Public Interests of the United States That the Agreement Shall Become Operative as Early as Possible.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The president Tuesday issued the following proclamation:

By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation: Whereas, by the resolution of the senate of March 19, 1903, the approval by congress of the reciprocal commercial convention between the United States and the republic of Cuba, signed at Havana on December 11, 1902, is necessary before the said convention shall take effect;

And, whereas, it is important to the public interests of the United States that the said convention shall become operative as early as may be.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution, do hereby proclaim and declare that an

THE ALASKAN AWARD.

London, Oct. 24.—With the exception of the Saturday Review, which displays its anti-American bias in an even more intense form than usual; the weekly papers in their comments on the decision of the Alaska boundary tribunal adopt fairly impartial views and decline to believe that Lord Chief Justice Alverstone was actuated by other than honorable and judicial motives, or that he was guilty of the breach of faith charged against him.

The Speaker, in an extremely sensible article, points out that the decision is perfectly consistent with the Behring Sea award, and that Canada ought to remember the triumph of yesterday in the bitterness of to-day.

ESTIMATES COMPLETED.

Secretary of Interior Names Sum of Appropriations Necessary for Next Fiscal Year.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The secretary of the interior has forwarded to the secretary of the treasury his estimate of the appropriations necessary to conduct the affairs of the interior department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The estimate places the total requirements for the department at \$156,000,000, which is about \$3,000,000 less than the appropriation for the current year. The proposed reduction will be made in the pension

Financial System Safe.

The speaker said that the inflow of gold had magnified, if not wholly caused, the frenzy and the excesses in industrial securities. Those who have climbed must come down in no pleasant descent. But a shrinkage of inflated securities to true value is not a public calamity, although individuals may be crippled and though industry and enterprise may have to rest on their oars. Our financial systems cannot totter.

Credit Is Good.

Prices undoubtedly have been borne upward by the inflation, Mr. Roberts declared, and wages follow prices. In recent years the advance has been swift and strong. The inflow of gold has much to do with this.

As to the world relations, the gold influx, the speaker said that our surpassing wealth has placed our nation's credit on a plane above that of all other countries. We fear no evil from exports of gold, for we can spare more than Europe can pay for in American obligations.

INDIAN CHIEF HONORED.

Monument Erected to Memory of Shabbona, of Pottawattamie, Dedicated at Morris, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 24.—A simple monument of gray granite to the memory of Shabbona, the famous chief of the Pottawattamie, was dedicated with notable ceremonies at Morris Friday.

There were addresses by P. A. Armstrong, of Morris, president of the Shabbona Memorial Association, Congressman Thomas J. Henderson of Princeton, and Charles Gunther, of Chicago. Shabbona sided the whites in their contests with the other Indians and was the orator of the red men in the last great council held east of the Mississippi and which took place with the agents of the government in 1838. He died in Morris in 1859 deeply respected.

Secures a Divorce.

Pittsburg, Oct. 23.—Peter K. Soffel, ex-warden of the Allegheny county jail, was granted a divorce from his wife, Kate, the jury finding that the charge of infidelity was sustained. Mrs. Soffel was a sensational figure in the escape from the jail of the convicted murderers, Ed and John Biddle, nearly two years ago. For her part in the escape Mrs. Soffel is serving a sentence in the western penitentiary. She was not present at the trial, and no evidence in her favor was offered.

Held Without Bail.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 24.—Shortly after six o'clock Friday afternoon the coroner's jury in the inquest over the remains of Thomas Hartley, inmate of the Bartonville asylum for the insane, returned a verdict that he died as the result of injuries received at the hands of Edward Sorrells and Samuel Flynn, attendants, and recommending that the two be held without bail on the charge of murder. Sorrells and Flynn are now confined in the county jail.

Failed to Make Speed.

Boston, Oct. 23.—The second-class protected cruiser Denver failed to make her contract speed, 17 knots an hour, in the government's trial test of Cape Ann Thursday. The Denver averaged 16.23 knots, and while the tidal corrections will probably be in her favor, they will not be sufficient to bring her up to the required speed.

Minneapolis Bank Falls.

Le Sueur, Minn., Oct. 23.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank, a private institution owned by W. H. and W. A. Patten, father and son, closed its doors with liabilities of \$60,000.

Ex-Governor Dead.

Winchester, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Former Gov. Peter Turney, who has been ill for some time, died at his home here Monday afternoon.

Death of Mrs. Spurgeon.

London, Oct. 23.—The widow of Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, the noted preacher who died January 31, 1892, died in this city.

MERELY A SUGGESTION.



U. S.—There, Little Girl, Don't Cry. Why Bother About Any Boundary Lines at All.

extraordinary occasion requires the convening of both houses of the congress of the United States at their respective chambers in the city of Washington on the 9th day of November next at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that they may consider and determine whether the approval of the congress shall be given to the said convention.

All persons entitled to act as members of the Fifty-eighth congress are required to take notice of this proclamation.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington the 30th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

(Seal) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
By the President:
A JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

Isthmian Canal Question.

Washington, Oct. 23.—While President Roosevelt designated in his proclamation calling congress into extraordinary session only the subject of Cuban reciprocity for consideration, it is reasonably certain now that the senate, at least, will have the isthmian canal question brought directly to its attention.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has indicated to some of his colleagues his intention of introducing a resolution bearing upon the canal question.

Bank Assignee.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 21.—The banking concern of J. E. Brown, of Chatsworth, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, Stephen Herr, of Charlotte, being assignee. Liabilities, \$33,177; assets, \$28,428. Brown had been in the banking business at Chatsworth for 20 years, but because of failing health recently could not devote his time to the business.

Negro Hanged Twice.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 23.—Felix Hall, alias Henry Jackson (colored), was hanged here for the murder of Norwood Clarke, a young white man. When the drop fell the rope slipped and the man breathed heavily for ten minutes, when he was hauled up and hanged a second time, this time breaking his neck.

A Fatal Fall.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23.—Samuel E. Morse, aged 51, editor and proprietor of the Indianapolis Sentinel, fell from the third story of the Sentinel building at ten o'clock yesterday morning and lived but 15 minutes.

Millions for Harvard.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 20.—Gordon McKay, inventor of the shoe-making machine, who died Monday in this city, is said to have left \$4,000,000, perhaps much more, to Harvard university.