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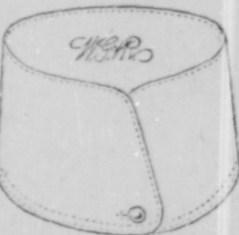
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THE MISSING MAIL BAG

Outcome of the Postal Investigation.

W. S. TAIT, OF PICTOU, TO BE ARRESTED TO-DAY

He Was Acting Purser of the Lunenburg at the Time:

The matter of the missing Magdalen Islands mail bag has reached the acute stage, and it is understood that today an arrest will be made in connection with the theft. The person suspected of the theft is Mr. W. S. Tait, who for about five years was purser of the steamer St. Olaf and who was acting purser of the Lunenburg on the trip on which the bag was lost.

This bag, it will be remembered, contained among other things, a letter mailed by Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, of the Portland Packing Company, to his brother at Grand Entry, Magdalen Islands. This letter contained \$1000 in bank notes, and was registered. But it never reached its destination.

The letter was mailed in Charlottetown on the 26th June, last, and was forwarded to Souris on the same day. The Postmaster at Souris placed the letter in the bag for Grand Entry, and this bag (with four others for the Magdalen Islands) was declared to have been handed over to acting purser Tait in whose custody the bags would be until he was relieved at Grindsone by the regular purser.

As soon as Mr. Tidmarsh heard that his brother did not receive the money he informed the postal authorities and an investigation was instituted. Postmaster Brecken first went over the mail route between Charlottetown and Souris, making the most rigid enquiry into the matter. From Souris he went to the Magdalen Islands in pursuit of information, and returned to Charlottetown satisfied that the theft was not committed in his jurisdiction. He was at times assisted in this work by Colonel McDonald, Post Office inspector for Nova Scotia, and by Mr. Leseur, of the postal department at Ottawa, the latter being at the time visiting the province.

On Thursday, August 10th, Mr. Tait came over from Pictou with a friend and registered at the Hotel Davies. From Charlottetown the two proceeded to Souris and remained there until Saturday when they came back to the city. The same evening they left for Pictou, going with an excursion party.

On Saturday evening the missing mail bag was found in a field near Mrs. Knight's, at Souris, not far from the wharf where the Lunenburg docked. The bag was found about eight feet from the fence, and had evidently not been there for any length of time. Tait had been seen in the vicinity of the wharf during his stay in Souris, and it is said that he led the people to believe that the man with him was a detective from Oshana, Ont., which, it is now thought, was not the case.

It is further stated that Mr. Tait had a knowledge of the fact that Mr. Tidmarsh was in the habit of sending large sums of money to his brother at Grand Entry.

The bag, it is believed, was brought to Souris and thrown over the fence into the field to divert suspicion. But the condition of the bag when found, and the state of the grass in the spot where it was discovered, led everyone who knew the facts to agree with the authorities that it had not been there very long.

Mr. Tait is a young man and hails from Pictou, where, it is said, he is married.

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ISLAND MEN AT OTTAWA.

They're Doing Good Work—Bandsman Stewart—Well Up.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Aug 31.—In the Minister of Militia Match there are several Island men on the prize list. Bandsman Stewart, Pte. McRae, Sergt. Anderson, Sergt-Major Baird, Lt. Lordly, Pte. Weatherbie, Capt. Johnson and Capt. Allan have secured places.

In the Victoria Match, Capt. Jones, Lt. Lordly, Sergt. Moore, Lt. Stewart, Bandsman Stewart and Pte. Weatherbie are well up.

In the Walker match is Major Stewart and four other prize winners. Major Davison and Lieut. Shaw made the possible at 500 yards. There are others not yet posted.

In the Canadian league the 12th battalion prize was secured by the Engineers, the fifth association prize by No 5 team, P. E. I. Rifle Association.

Bandsman Stewart stands well in the grand aggregate.

THE SINKING LIBERAL SHIP

Refuge for Some of the Lawyers on Board.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Aug 31.—According to rumors in Liberal legal circles Premier Hardy is designated for the Chief Justiceship of the Chancery Division, to succeed Chancellor Boyd who, according to certain Liberal lawyers, is to become Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, on the expected early retirement of Chief Justice Barton.

Exodus From Transvaal.

LONDON, August 30.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail says:—A pitiful scene was witnessed at the railway station on the arrival of Johannesburg, of 150 children whose parents are too poor to come themselves. It is estimated that 15,000 persons have left the Transvaal since the crisis began. In the house of assembly today, the government announced that it was considering a proposal to afford greater facilities for women and children to leave Johannesburg. Bechuanaland is in a state of ferment, owing to fears of a Boer raid. Colonel Baden Powell's forces there are wholly inadequate to protect such an extended frontier and the Boers appear to be quietly concentrating in the western part of the Transvaal. A Boer spy has been arrested in taberna camp in British Bechuanaland.

Revolution.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Aug 30.—News has reached here from Santo Domingo confirming the defeat by the revolutionists of General Pepin, in command of a government force, who lost 30 men killed and 40 of his soldiers captured. In addition, Gen. Pepin was compelled to abandon a convey of prisoners. Further fighting has taken place near Monte Christi between the revolutionists and the government troops. Details of this engagement have not yet reached here.

Utlanders Again Appeal.

JOHANNESBURG, August 30.—The Utlanders council held a long meeting on Monday to discuss the acute business distress that has followed the prolonged political crisis. It was decided to bring the situation to the notice of the Imperial Government.

The burghers are everywhere exchanging Martini for Mausers. A heavy load of ammunition, including 50 Mausers, arrived at Johannesburg on Friday, from Utrecht in the Netherlands.

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SITUATION AT RENNES.

Rumors "Thick as Leaves of Valambrosa."

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

RENNES, Aug 31.—The air is filled with rumors of conspiracies and predictions of coups de theatre; but nothing precise can be ascertained.

Gen. Mercier's attitude during the last few days has mystified his followers in the case. He is extremely clever and the general feeling is that he is preparing something, the effect of which will be revealed in a few days. It is now accepted as beyond question that there is a serious diversion of opinion on the part of the generals.

THE GUERIN GARRISON

Obtains a Fresh Supply of Food.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

PARIS, Aug 31.—A fall of rain last evening permitted M. Guerin, leader of the besieged anti-Semites' to secure a considerable supply of food.

Price of Shoes.

QUEBEC, August 30.—At a largely attended meeting of shoe manufacturers at which practically every concern in Canada was represented, here it was unanimously decided that an advance should take place in the price of shoes of at least 10 per cent. An organization was formed to be called the Canadian Shoe Manufacturers Association.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—When Laurier ministers used the public money to buy fireworks to be set off in their own honor, they were not altogether ungenerous. Tories had, of course, to pay part of the cost of the oration; but they were allowed to look at the flashing lanterns, and shooting rockets, and dancing torches, and inspiring "sundries," and to think.

—This year's salmon season in British Columbia has been exceptionally profitable for the fishermen, if not quite so profitable for the cannerymen. The average earnings of each have been about \$200. There were about 5,000 men engaged in the industry, so that the earnings must be \$1,000,000. The entire pack of the Fraser River has been estimated by persons in a position to know, at 400,000 cases, so, it will be seen that the season has been fairly successful for the cannerymen though the price paid for fish has been pretty high compared with other years.

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