

The charge was conspiracy to demand, the charge growing out of a demand for \$22,000 to supply the lancers with leather straps for mail. It is alleged that Stern left the straps, they being furnished at some Machen had on hand, at the same price, and the "kickoff," amounting to a dividend of about \$22,000, was divided between them.

"Mr. Stern maintains there was no conspiracy," he says, but the government has the full contract," said Mr. Robinson. "Secondly, I believe that Stern is simply wanted as a witness against Machen and the others, and, thirdly, the conspiracy charge is a mere contrivance of this case is no an ex-credible offense. Besides politics is intermingled that no foreign government would be willing to hand over a fugitive."

The Brussels Patriote says the Congo State Administration has ordered a number of armored thirties and Krupp guns for the use of the army in the State and adds that 24 Italian guns were recently dispatched to the Congo.

A test case in which nearly every railroad corporation in the United States is interested will be started at the Circuit Court at Detroit next Tuesday, when the Michigan Central will seek to recover from the United States Internal Revenue department moneys alleged to have been withheld from the company for war revenue stamps on duplicate bills of lading.