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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
TUCSON, ARIZ.

March 22, 1907.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

I beg to inform you that Inspector J. D. Milton, of Quitovaquito, Arizona, came to Tucson on the 9th instant, for the purpose of purchasing a supply of provisions, etc., to be used at his station; that he brought with him his camp dog, which on the evening of the 10th, engaged in a fight with another dog in the city of Tucson; that while Milton was attempting to separate the dogs his revolver was discharged, the bullet striking the sidewalk and, glancing, striking a man by the name of Johnson in the shoe sole. The bullet, being flattened by first striking the sidewalk, naturally split upon striking the thick leather, and part of the same went through the shoe and entered Mr. Johnson's heel.

Mr. Milton was immediately placed under arrest and was given a hearing on the 12th instant. A copy of all the evidence taken in the case is herewith inclosed.

For the Bureau's information, attention is respectfully invited to the fact that the dogs were large, and Milton having



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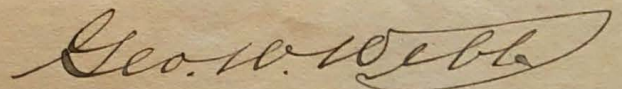
but one hand that he can use to advantage, was compelled to use force to separate them, and naturally pulled his revolver to use as a club.

There is nothing to indicate, from the evidence submitted, that the shot was not fired by accident. I further state that, if Milton had fired at the dog or man intentionally, the bullet would have penetrated a deadly spot, as he is a "crack shot."

The most damaging evidence submitted against Milton seems to be that of the arresting officer, in which he states that Milton denied having a gun, which is not corroborated by any other witness, and can be accounted for by him being a Mexican, newly appointed to office and desiring a reputation.

My object in forwarding the evidence to the Bureau is that it may clearly know the facts of the case, and take such action as it sees proper.

Respectfully,



Inspector in Charge.

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