

POSTAL SERVICE REPORTS

Rural Routes Cause Discontinuance of Many Small Postoffices.

MONEY ASKED TO EXTEND THE SERVICE

Financial Statement Shows an Increase in the Deficiency Over Previous Year—International Postage Stamp Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1,135 in the number of post-offices discontinued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, according to the annual report of J. L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, made public today.

Operation of rural mail delivery and the extension by private interests of rural telephone service has created a demand for small packages of merchandise on an order to local merchants by postal card, telephone or otherwise. The value of such packages is small and the present rate of 1 cent per ounce, the report says, is practically prohibitive.

Money for New Routes. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the establishment of new routes will be asked by the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. Of the needs for the service Mr. Bristow says:

There are now in operation 28,073 routes. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 additional routes can be established out of the appropriations now available, making 30,073, which will be operation on routes established by January 15, 1906. To maintain service on these routes during the fiscal year from July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1907, will require \$1,350,000.

Appointments of postmasters for the fiscal year numbered 15,312, a decrease of 1,249, as compared with the preceding year, which was due to there having been a smaller number of expirations of commissions of postmasters and to the policy of the department in discouraging changes in fourth class postmasters except for cause.

After Green Goods Men. Mr. Bristow recommends to congress that the interstate commerce law be amended so as to prohibit common carriers—namely: Telegraph and express companies, or any of their employees, from aiding and abetting in green goods or lottery schemes, or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier, and which is in violation of the postal laws.

The report shows that during the year 1,563 postoffices were robbed; there were sixty deprivations on railway postoffices, star routes, rural free delivery routes and screen wagon service. There were 340 robberies of street and rural free delivery letter boxes. Sixty-six postal cars were burned and wrecked, and 560 postoffices were burned. There were 2,637 mail pouches lost, damaged or pilfered.

The above figures show a decrease in the number of postoffices robbed and a decrease in the number of postal cars burned and wrecked, as compared with the previous year, and a decrease in the number of robberies relating to the railway postoffice service, star routes, rural free delivery routes and screen wagon service, and an increase in the number of postoffices burned and the number of letter boxes robbed.

Instructions Given to Consuls. State Department Issues Statement as to Use of Word "American."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—That there may be no misunderstanding on the subject, announcement was made at the State department today that consular and consular agents of this government were informed some time ago that whenever acting in their notarial capacity they should conform to the language of the law and use the title employed in their commissions—of "American."

Cost of the Philippine Show. Insular Government Must Pay \$716,633 for Exhibit at St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—According to a statement prepared at the bureau of insular affairs, the net cost of the Philippine exhibit at the St. Louis exposition to the Philippine government up to the night of November 30 was \$716,633. The total disbursements to that date were \$1,419,021 and the receipts \$632,388, making the net cost \$786,633, of which \$18,423 is covered by an allotment from the Louisiana Purchase exposition funds, reducing the cost to the Philippines to the figure named.

Drives Into Sewer Ditch. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Last night while a young farmer from near Griswold was driving down Walnut street, he drove into an open sewer ditch, both horses disappearing from sight. The team was rescued without injury. Red lanterns were guarded the ditch, but it appears the driver either failed to see them or did not comprehend their meaning.

Labor Leader Commits Suicide. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Oscar Haas, formerly one of Sam Park's lieutenants in the structural iron workers' union, ended his life today by shooting himself. Haas had been with the union some time ago and gave up his position as a result of a dispute. He had been unable to get employment since that time and was despondent. Haas left a letter in which he asked his wife to forgive him for taking his life and added: "It is a cold world for an old man who cannot secure employment."

Superintendent Water Resigns. ST. PAUL, Dec. 2.—General Superintendent Wallace C. Winter of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, has submitted his resignation and will leave the service of the line late this month to retire permanently from active railway work and engage in commercial lines.

Notables at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Morton Frewen, Rev. Canon MacLarnay and Danny Muller arrived here today on the steamship Cedric from Liverpool.

MRS. GILBERT IS STRICKEN

Oldest Actress in America Dies in Chicago of Apoplexy.

SKETCH OF HER LONG CAREER

She Began Her Life on the Stage in England Before She Came to America in 1849—Funeral of Mme. Janauschek.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Mrs. George Henry Gilbert, the oldest actress on the American stage, died in her rooms at the Sherman House today, shortly after she had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. The apoplectic stroke came while Mrs. Gilbert was alone with her maid. The maid first sought to lift her onto a couch, but realizing that Mrs. Gilbert's attack was a grave one, the maid left her where she had fallen and summoned the house physician, who responded immediately to the call. He pronounced the condition of Mrs. Gilbert critical.

The end came without a struggle. There was a smile upon the aged woman's face as she breathed her last. About her, with tear-dimmed eyes, stood her maid, Mrs. Margaret Sweeney, Harry Powers, Frank E. Allen, manager of the theater, and the attending physician. Three hours before her death the noted actress had risen and declared she intended to devote the day to shopping. "I must get out and buy Christmas presents for the child actors and actresses of New York," she said to her maid.

Money taken from dead letters, for which no owners could be found, and that realized from the auction sale of unclaimed articles accumulated in the dead letter office aggregated \$2,210.

President Cannot Interfere. Stelling Steel Workers Told that He Cannot Settle Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Roosevelt today informed a delegation representing the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Plate workers that he saw no way by which he personally or legally could interfere to bring about a settlement of the strike of union employees of the Carnegie Steel company of Youngstown and Girard, Ohio. The company is one of the constituent corporations of the United States Steel company. The strike of the Amalgamated employees of the company has been in progress since early last summer and has been accompanied by considerable violence at times. It involves directly about 700 men at Youngstown and 300 at Girard. Several hundred others have been thrown out of employment by the strike of the union men.

President Shaffer of the Amalgamated, was requested by striking men to lay the matter before the president in the hope that he might be able to suggest a means of adjustment. Mr. Shaffer was presented to President Roosevelt today by Representative-elect Aubrey Thomas of Ohio, who is requested by the president David Evans, organizer of the Amalgamated association at Youngstown.

The situation was discussed in detail, the president expressing his regret that the differences between the men and the employing company apparently were not susceptible of amicable adjustment. He said, however, that he had no authority which would warrant him to interfere in the trouble, glad as he would be to see a settlement of the strike. Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Evans expressed appreciation of President Roosevelt's interest, though they regretted that he was unable to assist them practically. They said they understood the president's position and had no way to suggest to him to help them.

They will return home at once and report to their constituents the result of the visit. Neither President Shaffer nor Mr. Evans would attempt to forecast the result of the strike.

Sketch of Her Long Career. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—For more than a generation Mrs. Gilbert held a unique place in the affections of the New York theater-going public. She appeared at Daly's in most of the plays produced there during the time that she was in the prominence, although it was not until this year, destined to be the last of her life, that she became a star. The play in which she had the leading part was written especially for her by Clyde Fitch. It gave her opportunities to use her abilities to good advantage, and she was in the management of Charles Frohman.

Mrs. Gilbert was born in England eighty-three years ago and came to this country with her husband, who was a dancer, in 1849. She was a member of Augustin Daly's company from 1850 until Mr. Daly's death. Since then she had appeared under the management of Charles Frohman.

Mrs. Gilbert first acted on the stage as a dancer and her first acting part was as a first old woman in Louisville, Ky., in 1857. She went from Louisville to Cincinnati in 1861 and came to New York in 1864. She was the original representative in New York City of the marquis de "Caste." In her career she played parts as far apart as Mrs. Toodle and Lady Macbeth.

At the time she and her husband came to this country in 1849 they had retired from the stage and had decided to join some friends who had taken up land west of Milwaukee. They made the journey to their newly-chosen home in a prairie wagon. The venture was not a success and all of their money was lost. They then returned to the stage. Mr. Gilbert was a dancer and ballet master, while Mrs. Gilbert danced in the ballets and between the acts. While appearing as a dancer she undertook the study of small parts and it was not long until she gained a place on the stage as an actress.

Funeral of Mme. Janauschek. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A little band of actors gathered in the chapel of an undertaker's establishment today to take part in the funeral services over the body of Madam Francesca Romana Janauschek, once a noted actress, who died last

LEGISLATION ON TAP

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frequently presented to congress.

Another measure which received the sanction of the house last session, but which has never been pushed in the senate, is a bill which would provide for the two states, doubling up the territories of Oklahoma and Indian territory as one and Arizona and New Mexico as another. This bill, like any other which may encounter opposition in the senate, could be easily defeated and advocates of a separate statehood for all the territories are likely to pursue that course.

Smoot May Go Over. It is somewhat doubtful if a vote will be reached in the senate in the case of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. This case attracted a great deal of attention last session when the committee on privileges and elections summoned the heads of the Mormon church to testify before it. The report is made to the senate, the session will be so far spent that no serious attempt will be made to reach a vote upon Senator Dillingham has reported from the committee on immigration a bill amending the immigration law and it is his intention to push for its consideration. The principal feature of the bill is a provision for an agent of the United States, accompanied by a surgeon, to be stationed at all important immigrant ports to inspect aliens seeking admission to the United States, and impose a head tax of \$2 an immigrant.

Currency legislation will be talked about, but it probably will not be enacted. The Aldrich bill, the Nelson bill, the Fowler bill and the Hill bill, as well as a number of others, pending before the committee, but no one has shown any particular desire to have them passed. In fact, one measure is antagonistic to another and, with no apparent danger to the finances of the country, those who are not experts in the matter of currency law cannot be induced to push these measures forward to the exclusion of other business.

Reduced representation in southern states, which have by one form or another disfranchised negroes will be a theme of discussion, but not action, during the winter. The republican national platform is interpreted by some of the more radical members of the party to call for such reduction and they will go at the subject from the beginning. It is well understood that to bring about anything like a reduced representation would require much more time than the next session of congress which expires by limitation.

The trusts will require attention, at least in debate, although some doubt is expressed about any effective legislation being passed. Following a campaign in which the trusts were made a vital issue, it is natural to expect that there must be a great deal of talk on the subject whenever there is an opportunity.

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PRISONER IS FATALLY SHOT

Makes Violent Assault on Deputy Warden and Guard Fires to Protect Official.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—While making an assault on Deputy Warden Cooley of the Sioux Falls penitentiary this afternoon, Robert White, a prisoner, was fatally shot, dying in about half an hour. White was the most unruly prisoner in the penitentiary and the dungeon, solitary confinement and other modes of punishment failed to break his spirit. He had frequently threatened the lives of his fellow prisoners and members of the prison force. For some time past he has been confined to his cell, where his meals were served to him. Today White was unusually ugly and the warden found it necessary to enter his cell, accompanied by four guards, for the purpose of handcuffing him. White had torn his table to pieces and armed with a club made from it and a steel bar which he had secured in some mysterious manner from the blacksmith shop, he made a violent assault for the deputy warden with the evident intention of killing him. Guard Frank Hogan drew a revolver and shot White in the thigh. The wounded man fought like a maniac, but was finally overpowered. He steadily grew weaker until his death half an hour after being shot. The bullet is supposed to have glanced upward and lodged in the abdomen. The coroner will hold an inquest tomorrow afternoon.

White was serving a term of ten years for murder committed in Yankton county. He was only about 26 years old.

Cigarettes Produce Insanity. HURON, S. D., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A young man about 20 years of age, who came here some months since from the eastern part of the state, became insane from the excessive use of cigarettes. His name is Ray Muldoon and after being taken into custody by the sheriff and examined by the county board of insanity, he was delivered to relatives at Parker, where he will be cared for till admitted to the Yankton asylum, which is already overcrowded with patients.

First Snow at Pierre. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The first snow of the season fell here last night, about two inches, followed by light snow today.

Railroaders Want New Laws. CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A petition, signed by the members of the Creston division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been sent to the congressman of this district and also to the two senators from the state. The petition asks that a law be passed to prevent the engineers from being given such long hours, so that firemen be compelled to act as firemen on locomotives for three years before they are promoted to the position of engineers.

Postal Records Broken. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Yesterday's business at the Cedar Rapids postoffice broke two records in point of magnitude. There were 2,432 money orders aggregating \$13,270.86 paid out by the money order clerk on that day. Of this number there were but twenty Canadian and two international orders, all the others being domestic. Besides this the largest amount of deposits by small postoffices who make their depository ever recorded.

Shenandoah's New Wagon Factory. SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Work is being pushed rapidly on the immense new wagon factory which is being put up in this city. The brick walls are being laid surrounding an area of about 70 acres. Fifty thousand dollars worth of stock has been raised locally for this concern, which will have a capacity of 2,000 wagons a day. It will be operated in four months.

Workman is Found Dead. CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—N. H. Anderson of Bedford was found dead in the county poorfarm this morning. Mr. Anderson had been helping to install a new heating plant in the house and had been there for several days. Just at daylight he went out to the barn and an hour later was found dead in the cowshed. His death, it is thought, was caused by heart failure.

Irrigation has become a permanent legislative topic. Interwoven closely with the public land question it has resulted in setting two house committees by the ears and creating a wide difference of opinion among senators from western states. Several bills have been introduced and amendments to the irrigation law have been suggested and are before congress. If the western men were united they no doubt could secure some legislation, but being divided it is quite likely that nothing will be done.

Two years ago in the long session of congress a river and harbor appropriations bill was passed, but it was omitted in the session which ended last April. It is the intention to pass a bill at this session and the men having it in charge, remembering that four years ago Senator William H. Murray of Montana talked a river and harbor bill to death, will make every effort to

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