

SEED GROWERS FORM OWN ORGANIZATION

Blue Earth County Farmers Perfect Association At Mankato Meet.

Mankato, Minn., Jan. 13.—The Blue Earth County Seed Growers' association was organized at a meeting of farmers in this city, held upon invitation of the Mankato Commercial club, and addressed by President C. W. Grotfeller, of the Minnesota Field Crop Breeders' association and Prof. C. P. Bull, of the state experiment station, and secretary of the same organization, H. M. Green, of Butternut Valley, was elected president; Prof. C. R. Shumway, agricultural instructor in the Mankato high school, secretary, and O. K. Olson, of Sterling, treasurer. One vice president from each township in the county was chosen.

The new organization will assist in making arrangements for holding the annual meetings of the Minnesota Field Crop Breeders' association and the Minnesota Corn Growers' association in Mankato the last week in February. A seed fair will be held at the same time and premiums to the amount of \$1,500 will be offered.

A corn growing club has been organized near the city by Professor Shumway, and other clubs are expected to start. Farmers are taking an increasing interest in the science of agriculture in this county.

BOUND UP OWN WOUNDS BUT DEATH CLAIMS HIM

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 13.—With two improvised tourniquets which he made himself from a length of locomotive bell rope and a small stick of wood, Edward Cheatham, 550 Newton avenue, N. a Great Northern switchman, fought gamely to save his own life after both his legs had been severed by wheels of a string of cars in Minneapolis street early today. A fourth Minneapolis man was run down and killed by a train at Two Harbors, Minn., last night.

The Great Northern switchman was run over by a string of cars that had been shunted by a switch engine. Both legs were severed above the knees.

LARGE SUM OF MONEY FOR INDIANS OF MINNESOTA

Washington, Jan. 13.—A total of \$217,675 was appropriated for Minnesota Indians. Of this the most important items was \$4,500 for a preliminary survey for the drainage of about 250,000 acres of Indian land in the Red Lake reservation. A sum of \$43,175 goes to the support and education of the Indians at the Pipestone agency, and an increase of \$2,700 was also allowed for completing the Pipestone lighting plant and the plumbing in the buildings.

The sum of \$165,000 was set aside for the benefit of the Chippewas in Minnesota in accordance with treaty stipulations. An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the annual celebration of the Chippewas to be held next June. State foresters and fire wardens from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Vermont, North Carolina, Oregon and Minnesota discussed here with officials of the federal forest service questions dealing with co-operation between the nation and the states in protecting forests.

TWINE PLANT TRANSFERRED.

Stillwater, Minn., Jan. 13.—Three hundred convicts have now been transferred to the new prison at Oak Park and all the twine-making machinery is in operation there. The output this year will be over 18,000 pounds. The convicts are employed on the shoe contract, 300 men in all, will remain in the old prison until the contract expires two years hence.

FIRE AT FRENCH STATION.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Jan. 13.—The elevator owned by the America Elevator company at French station, seven miles west of here, was destroyed by fire, together with about 20,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat. The fire caught from an overheated stove. When the fire was at its height the building twisted and fell across the Northern Pacific track. The grain spread out in all directions, and a passenger train was held for several hours.

FREEBORN DAIRYMEN MEET.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 13.—One of the largest meetings of dairymen ever held in this city was held Saturday by the Freeborn County Creamerymen's association. The county court room was crowded and fully 300 persons were present. It was an all day meeting, the business men furnishing luncheon in the building.

PARK REGION DRUGGISTS SELECT NEW OFFICERS

Alexandria, Minn., Jan. 13.—The annual meetings of the Park Region District and County Medical society, and of the Druggists' association for the same district were held in this city, closing with a dinner at the Letson house and a social gathering at the rooms of the Commercial club. These were elected: President, Dr. A. J. Gilkinson, of Osakis; vice president, Dr. Gossel, of Deer Creek, who was also elected delegate to the state convention; Dr. A. M. Randall, secretary and treasurer. The druggists re-elected E. E. Hallin, Parkers Prairie, president; C. O. Peterson, of Alexandria, vice president, and Theo. Damask, of Brandon, secretary and treasurer.

MINNEAPOLIS LEADS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 13.—With a gain of 440 per cent in building for December, 1912, as compared with December, 1911, Minneapolis leads 50 principal cities of America, according to a census by the American Contractor. Chicago. The figures for last month were \$2,933,330, and for December, 1911, \$400,225. The next nearest gain was by Fort Wayne, Ind., 298 per cent. The aggregate increase for the month was 26 per cent for the 50 cities. The Minneapolis gain in building for the whole year was 4 per cent.

TWO KILLED WHEN AN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—Harry Bornemann, of Savannah, and Ernest Bornemann, of New Orleans, were instantly killed when their automobile turned over in the Savannah automobile course today.

M. Jacob and Baron George Knopoff, of Moscow, Russia, who were in the car, were slightly injured. The negro chauffeur was probably fatally injured.

DIVORCE ANNULMENT ASKED BY BARONESS

Woman Tells Strange Tale of Losing Mind On the Wrecked Titanic.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 13.—A tale that makes ordinary fiction look pale and weak is told by Baroness Natalie Von Klifus, of Russia, former wife of Percy Proctor, wealthy Cincinnati clubman and traveler. The baroness recently arrived in this country and at once started proceedings to have annulled a divorce which Proctor secured here last June. In her petition to the court she sets forth that she was a passenger on the ill-fated Titanic, that the shock caused by the disaster resulted in her losing her mind, and that she was therefore unable to fight her husband's action.

Proctor met the Baroness Von Klifus while in Europe a few years ago and the two were married in London. They later came to America and then returned to France, where the baroness has a chateau. In France the two parted. Proctor returning to America. Proctor started divorce proceedings here in January last. His wife was notified of the action. She says she took passage on the Titanic; that she lost her mind on the night of the wreck, April 15 last, and did not recover it until some weeks later, in a London hospital. It was then too late, she says, to prevent a decree being granted to Proctor.

If the baroness succeeds in getting the divorce annulled she can start an action of her own and ask for alimony. About the time the couple parted Proctor gave the baroness \$25,000. An interesting point in connection with the case, which gives the baroness story an added dash of romance, is that her name was not on the list of Titanic passengers and that her friends here had not heard until her very recent arrival in this city that she had started for America in April.

NICE AND HANDSOME; WAITER WINS HEIRESS

Mother of Nora Bass Objects When Girl Weds Man With \$35 Income.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Because he is just perfectly handsome and in addition to that is a real nice man, Clarence Womeldorf, waiter in a local hotel, has led to the altar Miss Nora Bass, a \$50,000 heiress of this city. They eloped a few days ago.

Although the bride is sure that there could be a better husband anywhere, her mother seems to harbor a quite different opinion. "Waiters are exactly like other persons," says Mrs. Womeldorf. "They have souls like bankers, brokers, brewers, lawyers and reporters. Why should anybody care?"

To which Mrs. Fannie Bass, the mother, replies that she does care very much. "It's not that he's a waiter," says Mrs. Bass. "It's not that at all so much—it's because he stole my daughter. He makes \$35 a month—and my daughter is not used to that kind of living. She has an income of her own, but why should a wife support her husband?"

"I never suspected that she was going to get married,"

Dropped a Hint.

"She continually asked if one could keep house on \$20 or \$25 a week—and I told her it depended entirely upon the housekeeper. I should have guessed the truth from this."

When Mrs. Bass heard that her daughter had married Womeldorf, she sent immediately for the waiter.

"Where's my daughter?" demanded Mrs. Bass.

The waiter was finally prevailed upon to tell where he had taken the bride. She was brought home and there were a lot of tears shed, and some scolding and finally after being wished well but not forgiven, the bride and bridegroom left.

STRIKERS TURN DOWN OFFER OF EMPLOYERS

New York, Jan. 13.—The generalship of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be sought today by the army of striking garment workers here. Mr. Gompers' arrival from Washington was awaited by a committee of the women who planned to escort him to their headquarters for a conference with leaders.

The strikers claimed today that 20,000 more workers will join them Monday. There are now on their rolls 125,000 men and women. Peace plans have been upset by the strikers' rejection yesterday of the manufacturers' offer to advance wages 10 per cent—5 per cent now and 5 per cent April 1. It was not enough, the strikers said.

THREE "FIRST LADIES" DINE AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 13.—Three first "ladies of the land" will dine at the White House tomorrow when Mrs. Taft entertains Mrs. Grover, of Cleveland and Mrs. Benj. Harrison. White House attaches say no record shows the wives of three presidents dining together there before.

AUNT OF KING GEORGE IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Montreal, Jan. 13.—The Duchess of Connaught, wife of the governor general of Canada, and by marriage, aunt of King George, of England, passed a comfortable night at the Victoria hospital and was "resting easier" this morning. She was brought here yesterday from Ottawa suffering from peritonitis.

TWO YOUNG CHAUFFEURS CONFESS AUTO THEFTS

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—The disappearance recently of 31 automobiles was explained today by the arrest of two young chauffeurs, George Nelson and Edward Frame, 17 and 18 years old. The boys confessed that for two months they had made a practice of stealing automobiles and after dismantling them, selling the tires and other parts to junk dealers.

DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN CANNING DISTRICTS

Investigation Tells Congressional Committee of Workers' Plight.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Labor and housing conditions among the workers in the canning camps of New York state were attacked today by Miss Mary Boyle O'Reilly, a social worker, before the House rules committee, which is considering a resolution by Representative Allen, of Ohio, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate conditions in the fruit and vegetable canning industry throughout the country.

Miss O'Reilly said she had spent a month as a worker in the canning camps and had returned to them with F. C. Purdy, of the New York state department of labor.

Mr. Purdy was on hand to corroborate Miss O'Reilly's testimony.

Miss O'Reilly produced a large number of photographs she had taken in the camps.

Diseased workers, bad housing conditions, lack of sanitation and neglect of ordinary sanitary precautions in the separation of canned products were charged by Miss O'Reilly. She said that all of the children in the camps above the age of 10 were employed in the factories. She instanced one boy, Dominick Perr, 8 years old, who she worked 10 hours a day for 20 cents. She told of scores of families lodged in great shacks built without sanitary arrangements, without water and without accommodations for cooking the food of the workers. In one instance she said she found six children under 11 years old "keeping house" in the cellar of a shack, while the remainder of the two families to which they belonged were at work in the camp.

OHIO RIVER OUT OF BANKS; STILL RISING

Lowlying Districts Flooded—Cincinnati Union Depot Threatened.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Rain throughout the Ohio valley yesterday and last night is expected materially to affect the flood situation here. At 8 a. m. today the stage of the Ohio river here was 52.1 and rising at the rate of .2 foot per hour. A stage of 53 feet will bring the water into the Central Union railroad station, and 55 feet will prevent trains from running into the depot.

The water has already invaded lowlands in the lowlying sections, but no serious damage has been caused.

WARNING IS ISSUED.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 13.—A general flood warning for Ohio was issued by the United States weather forecaster in this city today. The prediction is made that by tomorrow all Ohio rivers will be out of their banks. The Ohio national guard and its hospital equipment are in readiness to go to the aid of flood sufferers.

DENTIST PULLED HER CORN; GIRL ASKS PAY

Tooth Yanker Foozled In Role of Chiropodist—Victim Loses Toes.

Provo, Utah, Jan. 13.—"What is the value of higher temperatures prevailing today in the United States court today. The prediction is made that by tomorrow all Ohio rivers will be out of their banks. The Ohio national guard and its hospital equipment are in readiness to go to the aid of flood sufferers.

HALF OF ORANGE CROP WILL BE MARKETABLE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—With markedly higher temperatures prevailing, smudging was successful last night and today in saving oranges and lemons that had been only slightly nipped by the record cold of the previous two days. According to experts, fully half of the \$50,000,000 crop may be found to be in marketable condition.

LANE NEW CHAIRMAN OF COMMERCE BOARD

Washington, Jan. 13.—Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, of California, was elected today by the Interstate Commerce commission to serve as its chairman for the year beginning January 13. He succeeds Commissioner Chas. A. Prouty. Mr. Lane has been a member of the commission since 1903.

TEN MEET DEATH IN STEAMER EXPLOSION

Mobile, Jan. 13.—Ten persons were killed and 16 severely hurt when the boiler of the Tombigbee river steambreaker James T. Staples exploded when the vessel was tied up at Bladen Springs yesterday afternoon. The vessel sank within a few minutes after the accident.

SUFFRAGET MARCHERS TO MOVE ON CAPITAL

New York, Jan. 13.—A march of suffragets volunteering from all parts of New York state, with "On to Washington" as the program, will be begun in this city February 16, according to announcement made last night by Gen. Rosalie Jones, leader of the women who recently carried a message from New York to Governor Sulzer at Albany. They will gather recruits in five states.

"BIG TIM" SULLIVAN IN HOPELESS STATE

Court Orders Him Committed to Private Sanatorium At Yonkers.

New York, Jan. 13.—By court order, it was learned today, Congressman Elect Timothy D. Sullivan, who has long been a prominent figure in New York legislative affairs, is to be formally committed to a private sanatorium in Yonkers. "Big Tim," as he is popularly known in the east side section of the city, has been in the Yonkers sanatorium for several months to recuperate, it had been said, from a nervous breakdown. He has been up to now, however, a voluntary patient, but upon application of relatives of the congressman-elect, Justice Amend signed an order formally committing the patient.

Recent reports were that "Big Tim" was improving and friends who recognized him in the street believed he would be in condition to attend the next session of congress, but it is said that the trouble from which he is suffering, led his relatives to believe that a permanent arrangement for his physical restraint at the sanatorium was advisable.

In the old days it was frequently said that "Big Tim" could at a minute's notice produce 15,000 people in New York city, who would vote any ticket he wished, so strong was his leadership. He interrupted his state career several years ago to try a term in congress, but spent only a few spectacular days in the national House of Representatives.

CONCENTRATION GONE FAR ENOUGH, HE SAYS

George F. Baker, Money Wizard, Says Present Conditions Are Uncomfortable.

Washington, Jan. 13.—That the present concentration of money and credit "has gone far enough;" that "in bad hands" it would have a bad effect upon the nation; that the safety "of the situation lies in the personnel of the bank in control," and "that present conditions" are not "entirely comfortable for the country," were a few of the statements made by George F. Baker, master financier, at the climax of two days' examination before the House monetary committee. Mr. Baker declared, however, that "bad hands" could not retain the control.

These statements coming at the end of a day of routine examination, during which Mr. Baker reviewed in detail the operation of himself, his bank, the First National bank of New York and J. P. Morgan & Co., in the issuance of bonds, startled the committee and Mr. Baker's counsel, Fisher A. Baker and John C. Spooner.

MAY CALL MORGAN IN SHIP TRUST INQUIRY

Alexander Would Know About Organization of Great Corporation.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Chairman Alexander, of the House shipping trust investigation committee, today said that a subpoena probably would be issued for J. P. Morgan, to have him tell the committee the details of the organization of the International Mercantile marine, the \$120,000,000 American corporation owning and controlling a number of foreign steamship lines.

FOUR MEN BURIED BY MINE CAVE-IN

Bingham, Utah, Jan. 13.—A shift boss and three Greeks in the underground workings of the United States Copper company, were buried beneath a cave-in of rock and earth here early today. The body of one of the Greek miners has been recovered and a vessel of water is digging for the others. No hope is entertained of any being rescued alive.

INJUNCTION AGAINST LUMBER MEN GRANTED

New York, Jan. 13.—The government's petition for a permanent injunction against the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association, alleged to be a combination in restraint of trade, was granted today by the federal district court. Final arguments for and against the injunction were heard a few weeks ago.

TELL THRILLING TALES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—Thrilling stories of their rescue from the bark Curie Winslow as that vessel with every seam split asunder by the waves of three storms was rapidly sinking, were told here last night by Captain Carlson, commander of the ill-fated bark as young wife, the mate and eight sailors, they reached here on the British steamer Syndic, by which they were taken off.

WILL CONSERVE GAS SUPPLY.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.—A request that the people of 50 Kansas and Missouri cities which are supplied gas by the Kansas Natural Gas company, refrain from using gas for heating purposes, was made last night by C. F. Holmes, this city, one of the receivers of the company. Mr. Holmes also issued an order that all available gas at the sources of supply be piped into the company's mains.

MISSOURI GIANTESSE, CIRCUS FREAK, DIES

Quincy, Ill., Jan. 13.—Ella Ewing, the Missouri gigantesse, said to be the tallest woman in the world, died at her home near Gorin, Mo., not far from this city, today at the age of 40 years. Miss Ewing was eight feet, three inches in height and for many years traveled with circuses as a freak attraction, and as such was known from end to end of the country.

GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE NOT TO BE ANNULLED

Former Wife of Millionaire Loses Fight to Have Decree of Court Set Aside.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The application of Mrs. Grace Brown Guggenheim to have her divorce from William Guggenheim annulled was dismissed by Judge Heard Saturday for want of equity.

Her application was based on the allegation that she swore erroneously that she was a resident of Illinois. She married the millionaire mining and smelting man in 1900 and the decree of divorce was entered the next year, with alimony in the lump sum of \$150,000. Since the divorce both parties to the suit have remarried.

Bliss Lasted Three Days.

According to Jacob Newman, counsel for William Guggenheim, Mrs. Guggenheim's first husband was Charles Herbert, of Washington, D. C. A divorce separated them. Her marriage with Guggenheim came next, but Mr. Newman states, they lived together but three days. After the divorce, Mrs. Guggenheim married Jules Roger Wahl, a Frenchman resident of New York.

"They lived together for four years," related Mr. Newman, "when Wahl returned to France. Whether the report is true that Wahl's parents had his marriage annulled in France I do not know."

Guggenheim married Miss Amy Steinberger, by whom he has a son, William, Jr. It was after Mrs. Guggenheim had married Wahl that she filed suit in New York state for divorce from Guggenheim, claiming that the Illinois divorce was illegal. The case went to the supreme court of that state, where her bill was dismissed. In 1909 she filed another suit to set aside the original Illinois divorce, but Judge Honore denied her right to file her petition after the lapse of eight years. She sent this case to the appellate court, where it is still pending.

Doesn't Want Money.

The present suit was in chancery and claimed that Guggenheim knew she was not a resident of Illinois when the divorce was obtained.

Mrs. Guggenheim, or Wahl, claims that she does not want money, but wishes to ascertain beyond doubt whether the divorce was legal.

Judge Heard in giving his decision cited the laws of Illinois and urged that steps be taken to change them. He declared that both Mr. and Mrs. Guggenheim procured the divorce of 1901 by fraud. This factor weighed largely with the court in his decision against the plaintiff.

Mrs. Guggenheim was not in court when the decision was rendered.

FIVE BANKERS SEEK PAROLE FROM PRISON

Total of 150 Prisoners Want Release From Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 13.—One hundred and fifty prisoners in the federal penitentiary here, among them five bankers, will apply for release at the quarterly meeting of the federal board of parole at the prison next Monday. Applications from the following bankers will be presented:

Paul C. Gall, Indianapolis; Jesse Sierahowski, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. E. Billingsley, Guthrie, Okla.; W. A. Allen and E. T. Cook, Paris, Tex. Gall is chief clerk in the office of W. W. Mackey, deputy warden. He has been eligible to parole at previous meetings of the board, but each time his case has been passed on.

Since the federal parole law went into effect, more than 200 prisoners have been released through its operation and only four returned for violation.

UGLY CHARGES MADE BY MRS. HELEN GRAY

Indian Investigator Accuses Interior Secretary—Tells of Murders.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Helen Pierce Gray, who as an investigator of Crow Indian affairs, has been the center of more than one storm, created a tumultuous scene before the Senate Indian affairs committee today when she charged that Indians had been murdered to get them out of the way. That Secretary Fisher and Senator Dixon had made statements, "deliberately untrue," and that if she had opportunity to produce all her evidence "Secretary Fisher would be connected up with one of the most gigantic steals going on in the United States today."

The secretary and the senator objected vigorously to her being permitted to make such general charges. Members of the committee demanded that Mrs. Gray produce proofs and Secretary Fisher agreed readily to produce any evidence in his possession.

WILL SEND RELIEF TO GERMAN POLE HUNTERS

Christiania, Jan. 13.—The Norwegian government has guaranteed the expenses of a relief expedition to Spitzbergen for the German explorers under Lieutenant Schroeder Stranz, who started out last year in the steamer Herzog Ernest and are reported to be in dire straits.

The last advice from the expedition came recently from Captain Ritschel who reached Advent bay in a deplorable condition seeking aid. He said the condition of the expedition was most serious.

JUDGE HOUGH SUFFERS STROKE DURING TRIAL

New York, Jan. 13.—The illness of Judge Charles M. Hough, of the district court, who was stricken on the bench yesterday, may necessitate a new trial of Julian Hawthorne, Joseph Quincy, Albert Freeman and Dr. Wm. J. Moron, who are charged with using the mails fraudulently in promoting mining companies.

TWO DARING BANDITS TRAPPED; ONE ESCAPES

In Battle With Police, One Detective Shot and Bank Messenger May Die.

New York, Jan. 13.—A squad of detectives baited a trap for highwaymen today with a 60-year-old bank messenger and a satchel containing \$3,300. The highwaymen took the bait. One detective was shot and may die; the messenger was beaten senseless and probably has a fractured skull, and a pitched battle with bullets peppering houses like hail, was fought on the east side. One of the highwaymen escaped; the other was captured.

The messenger, Peter E. Plunkett, left the Union Exchange National bank, where he had been employed for 10 years, with a cloud of detectives trailing him. Within the satchel he carried were currency and silver for the weekly payrolls of two factories. The detectives were disguised as laborers to avert suspicion.

Plunkett Knocked Out.

As Plunkett stepped into the darkened hallway of one of the factories, two men sprang up from beside him. One of them crumpled him up with a blackjack, senseless on the flagging before he could cry out. The other grabbed the satchel and both darted away.

The factory had not been apprised of the plan and detained one of the detectives who had gone ahead of the messenger. While they were making off, the detective started in pursuit, caught one of the robbers and rolled to the cobblestones with him.

Slueth Will Die.

Meantime the detectives in the rear of Plunkett, not expecting so quick a denouement, began blazing away with their pistols at the other fleeing highwayman. The thief fired as he fled, and, keeping the pack at his heels, darted down a side street, through traffic, into a hallway, out the back door, over fences into the back street and disappeared, leaving behind a bullet-perforated overcoat. The satchel, dropped in his flight, was found with its contents intact 10 feet from the factory doorway.

One of the fugitive's bullets found a mark in James A. Watson, a detective, entered his back and passed nearly through his body. He cannot recover.

The man who was tripped to the cobblestones said he was Frank Moran, 19 years old, a packer. He was held without bail. Plunkett was taken to a hospital.

DARING YOUNG LADY IS KISSED BY TAFT

Shameless Creature Was Only Four Years Old and Demanded Smack.

Washington, Jan. 13.—On President Taft's appointment list was this brief entry:

"Phyllis Wistrand, Lander, Wyo., (to be kissed)."

When that item caught the president's eye as he sat down at his desk today, he looked about his office and saw a little girl with blonde curls looking eagerly at him. Beside her was her mother.

"Well, Phyllis," he said, "so you want to be kissed by the president?"

"Yes, sir," she lisped.

The president raised her high in his arms and kissed her fairly on the cheek.

"I hope you will remember that," he said.

Phyllis, who is 4 years old, announced she would never leave Washington until she had been kissed by the president. She was so insistent that her mother was obliged to take her home and finally made the appointment.

WIFE SENDS HUSBAND HIS LUNCH BY MAIL

Cincinnati Laborer Forgot Noonday Meal—Gets It By Parcel Post.

Cincinnati, Jan. 13.—Joseph J. Murphy forgot his noonday lunch this morning when he started off to work. Joe works in Reading, Ohio, which is 12 miles from Cincinnati.

"Wait for your dinner," called his wife.

"Haven't time," replied Joe. "Send it by parcel post."

At 8:30 o'clock this morning Mrs. Murphy went to station N of the post-office and mailed the package. It weighed one pound. She put a 5-cent parcel post stamp on it. At 11 o'clock a mail carrier delivered the dinner pail at the factory and Joe ate his lunch.

PRIVATE WIRE LEASES WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Jan. 13.—Inquiry was begun today by the Interstate Commerce commission on its own initiative into contracts for private telegraph and telephone wires and into the rates and regulations of such service.

The American Telephone & Telegraph company, Western Union Telegraph company and Postal Telegraph Cable company were made correspondents. No time was fixed for hearings.

Complaint was made to the commission that under the terms of private wire contracts of the Western Union Telegraph company, use is made of its public wires at less than published tariff rates and that persons other than the parties to the contracts frequently use the private wires of lessees for the transmission of private messages free of charge in violation of the act to regulate commerce.

FRISCO LABOR LEADER TO APPEAR IN COURT

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—Anton Johansen, the San Francisco labor leader, who with O. A. Evittson and Eugene A. Clancy, of San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, were indicted a year ago by the federal grand jury here on a charge of conspiracy to transport dynamite, arrested in Los Angeles today and are to appear Monday before United States Judge Wellborn for trial.