

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL DENIES CURRENT REPORT

Rural Route Carriers Prohibited From
Soliciting for Mail Order Houses
Either on or Off Duty.

Officials of the postoffice department have declared within the past few days that there is no warrant for a fear on the part of manufacturers who distribute their goods through regular retail channels that certain new conditions in the rural mail service will operate to the undue advantage of mail-order houses. That apprehension on this score is widespread among business men is indicated by correspondence that has reached Washington during the past few weeks.

The cause of this fresh solicitude as to the distribution of the trade of the farming classes is found in a new system of paying for the services of rural mail carriers which has just gone into effect. Heretofore the rural free delivery carriers, more than 43,000 in number, have received remuneration based solely on the length of the respective routes covered. Under the new system authorized by congress and which went into effect with the month of November, 1914, the rural postmen will continue to be paid fixed salaries, but these salaries will be based not solely upon length of route, but upon this factor taken in conjunction with the number of pieces and weight of mail carried.

Upon the announcement of this plan of, virtually, putting a premium upon bulk of mail matter, a number of advertisers and manufacturers who were not familiar with all the laws and regulations governing the administration of the rural free delivery service naturally jumped to the conclusion that country mail carriers would do everything in their power to encourage persons on their routes to patronize the catalogue houses in order that the carrier might benefit financially by reason of the increased weight of mail—every gaining of 90 pounds monthly meaning an increase of \$50 per annum in the pay of the carrier until the maximum salary of \$1,200 per year is reached.

Some of the manufacturers who have written to Washington state that they have been informed that certain, R. F. D. carriers, in their anxiety to encourage mail-order buying, are actually acting as agents for catalogue houses located in Chicago and elsewhere. However, officials of the postoffice department tell Printers' Ink that not only is such solicitation not authorized by the department but, on the contrary, it is expressly forbidden, both by the statutes and the postal regulations. Furthermore, the heads of the rural mail service announce their intention to come down hard upon any postman who, with this new incentive, attempts to encourage patronage of the mail-order houses.

One statute which bears upon the present situation is section 764, which says in part: "Rural carriers shall not solicit business or receive orders of any kind for any person, firm or corporation." Section 744, which covers the same subject from a different angle, reads as follows: "Rural carriers shall not, either in person or through others, directly or indirectly or by any method whatever co-operate with or assist publishers or others in securing the patronage of the public nor furnishing directly or through others the names and addresses of patrons of the service, with or without compensation to any individual or company." On top of these sweeping prohibitions in the laws governing the rural mail service there is a postal regulation which stipulates that "Rural carriers shall not engage in any business while on or off duty which offers temptation to solicit patronage on their routes or in which their official position would give them special advantage over competitors."

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.

K. S. Mask Ball.

Now is the time to prepare for the big K. S. mask ball, that will be given Saturday evening, the 9th of January. Watch for further particulars.

IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO.

The leap year party on the 27th was a very lively affair. The youth, wealth and beauty of Plattsmouth appeared upon the floor. The ladies never looked lovelier, and gentlemen arrayed in all the glory of womanhood meekly accepted their fate and thanked their partners as modestly as any other man. The lady floor managers with red ribbons on their shoulders bossed things about lively and made the band think there was music in the air, or should be. The supper at Mr. Stadelmann's was excellent and well served, everyone was satisfied. The net proceeds after paying hall rent, band and everything must have been most gratifying to the dear ladies who took so much pains to get the thing up, and to the person who gets the money. They amounted to \$73.25. * * * The court was seated on a raised dais at one end of the room, with the district attorney on his right, and the sheriff and assisting bailiffs on the left—all with instruments of office in their hands. The members of the bar were spread out at their feet and the dance commenced.

A tall woman with her hair fricaseed on one side shouted, "all set," his honor said, "let 'em slide, Mart," and the crier announced that the case was ready for trial and the witnesses on the floor.

The first bailiff called the figure and the district attorney was getting up the papers for a new quarrel while the court decided that "whosoever dances shall pay the fiddler."

Everything went merry as a marriage bell until Sam Chapman got tangled up in a case with two opposition attorneys, an ex-sheriff and the other ladies on the floor. "Swing her to the right," shouted the crier; "double up on your left, chassey round the side couple's attorney, file a statement on the lady on the corner, make a motion to quash the opposite gent, and return to places."

That was more than Sam could stand. In a pause of the music he argued the case thusly: "Your Honor, I object; any motion at a time is as much as any court can entertain, and I desire to take exception to this mode of cross-examination right here; I am willing to give my right hand to my partner and swing out with my left; I have no objection to quash the opposite attorney if possible, but when the court orders a fellow to try three cases at once, that is swinging three ladies in four different directions at one call, without being allowed to increase my fees correspondingly, I object to going on with the suit. 'Balance all!' shouted the crier, and the court ordered "on with the dance."

"Yes, I'll balance it all with my bill," growled Sam, as he cut a pigeon wing that filed a cross-bill on the right-hand lady's new calico panier.

Things moved on pretty well until Smith, another lawyer, struck a stump. He was arguing that a double schottische without any extra levy generally came up on demurrer when the head fiddler ordered a change of venue and turned the suit into a waltz. This riled George and he asked time to put in an answer. The court musician said he was out of time and could not dance to the first rule laid down in Greenleaf's evidence. George got out an injunction, but before he could find a deputy to serve the warrant the band struck up a lively tune and the whole assembly

formed in line lengthwise of the hall and danced an old-fashioned Virginia reel with such vim and evident relish that he allowed a motion to adjourn to be run in on him unawares, and so ended the great leap year party of 1876.

The Herald feels very much exercised over the above report, and has had grave doubts about allowing it to appear at all, but as we paid for it we have to lose our money and so put it in.

The facts are that knowing the leap year party would be a big affair, and also that court being in session we should be very busy we telegraphed to Omaha for a patent short hand reporter to do things up brown. He came down on the train and we sent him to the court room where, unfortunately, the case of Clements vs. Spurgeon was being tried. He became fully impregnated with the merits of the court and this case, and then went down to Ben Hoppel's for supper. After supper he took a glass of beer with Ben and started up the street to the leap year party; not liking to patronize one German and fight another he stepped into Fr. Juthmann's, when he came down he thought he wouldn't overlook the Irish element and so dropped into Mike Maguire's, and when he came up the street he didn't like to leave the French out in the cold so went in to see Ed Rosenbaum. From the same friendly feeling he had to see G. Shafer and Cap. Lenhoff, then he must go over to Metteer's because he was the only republican in the business, and after that to Billy Neville's because Billy was a wood-butcher and the reporter was a word-butcher, and leaving Billy he started up the hall stairs, but finally thought it wouldn't do to leave the Americans out, and so went over to see Am. Lazenby because he was a full-blooded American. At last he reached the hall, where Marshal Murphy was putting in the final touches.

The marshal saw how it was, but thought as the power of absorption in newspaper men was great he would come out all right, so he just took him by the neck of his big ulster overcoat and hung him up on a big hook just inside the wings of the stage, where he could see everything, and told him to "report away." The fact is the report is really all right from his position; it is only given as the thing looked to a man up a tree, or else genuine and b—court trials don't mix well.

CHECKS CROUP INSTANTLY.

You know croup is dangerous. And you ought to know, too, the sense of security that comes from having Foicy's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts the thick mucus and clears away the phlegm, stops the strangling cough and gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Every user is a friend. For sale by all druggists.

GRAND MASK BALL

will be given by the Cosmopolitan Club New Year's eve at Coates' hall. Five cash prizes, and Holly's 8-piece orchestra. No one without a costume will be allowed on the floor until 10:30 o'clock.

Admission: Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c; spectators, 25c; children, 10c. Everybody cordially invited to attend the greatest affair of the year.

Letter files at the Journal office.

Local News

Mrs. Joseph Droege was a visitor in Omaha today looking after some matters of business for a few hours. W. B. Crabill came over this morning on No. 15 from Glenwood to visit here for the day with relatives and friends.

L. G. Larson was a passenger to Randall, Kansas, this morning, where he will spend Christmas with his son, C. O. Larson and wife.

James Ault departed this morning for Glenwood, where he will make arrangements for the funeral of his mother there tomorrow.

George A. Kaffenberger was among those going to Omaha this morning where he was called on some business matters for the day.

Earl Geis expects to depart this afternoon for the western part of the state, where he will visit with friends for a few days at McCook.

Paul Morgan of Hay Springs, Nebraska, came in this afternoon on No. 24 from his home to enjoy a visit here over Christmas with his relatives in this city.

Loy Clarence came up this morning from his home near Union and was a passenger on the early Burlington train for the metropolis to spend a few hours.

Walter Cotner and wife of Blue Hill, Neb., arrived in the city last evening on No. 2 to make a holiday visit here at the home of Mr. Cotner's parents and other relatives in this city.

John Cory and wife departed this afternoon for Pender, Neb., to spend Christmas there at the home of their daughter, Mrs. M. E. Brantner and family.

P. E. Ruffner departed this morning for Omaha, well laden with bundles, to spend the Christmas day there with his family, who will enjoy a reunion at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Dodge.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters as a cleansing blood tonic, is well recommended. \$1.00 at all stores.

There is an exceptionally fine opportunity offered the farmers of Cass county on Wednesday and Thursday, December 30th and 31st, at the implement store of John F. Gorder in this city and should be taken up. See his ad. in this issue for the particulars.

Harness Oiled, \$1.00 Per Set.

Now is the time to look after your harness in the way of repairs and oiling. Bring them in and let us look after the needed repairs now. Our price for oiling is \$1.00 per set. John Gorder.

One way to relieve habitual constipation is to take regularly a mild laxative. Doan's Regulets are recommended for this purpose. 25c a box at all drug stores.

Mexican Is Hanged by Texans.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—A Mexican, said to have been the slayer of Harry Hinton, jailor at Oakville, Tex., was lynched near that town, according to a message received here. It was said that many shots were fired into his body as he hung suspended from a tree. Three members of his family were given until tonight to get out of the country.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the
Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. H. H.*

KAISER UPSETS PEACE JUBILEE

Celebration in Ghent Off Because
Germans Hold City.

EVENT OTHERWISE OBSERVED.

Committees of Two English-Speaking Nations Issue Communications Dwelling on Century of Peace Between United States and Great Britain.

New York, Dec. 24.—The people of the United States and Great Britain are observing the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, by reminding themselves that today marks a century of peace among English-speaking nations.

The original plans called for a series of celebrations in this country and across the water. It was to have begun in Ghent on Christmas eve with a banquet tendered by the burgomaster to fifty representatives of the United States, fifty Englishmen and fifty Canadians in the hall where the treaty was signed, but this was upset by the fact that the ancient Belgian city is now occupied by the Germans, with whom England is at war.

To mark the day, the American committee and the British committee, which have been arranging for the peace centenary, issued communications for simultaneous publication this morning in the newspapers in England and the United States.

The British statement expresses the hope that "the disarmed frontier between the United States and Canada may long continue as an example to the world of the safe defense of mutual respect and trust in the affairs of nations" and prays that the "peace between the British and American democracies, which has so long endured may never be broken."

Center of Conflict.

The American statement follows: "One hundred years ago today there was signed at Ghent, in Flanders, the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth. Today the city of Ghent is at the very center of the terrible conflict that rages in Europe."

"The American peace centenary committee cannot permit this anniversary to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century-long period of peace which English-speaking people have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand and the appalling destruction of life property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other. It had been our confident hope that the example which the English speaking peoples have set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations. It had been our earnest desire that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifested toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with another. Unfortunately, this was not to be, and we are sorrowfully called upon to mark our centenary celebration in the midst of the most terrible and destructive war that history records."

Must Avow Faith.

"Even at such a time, we must avow once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force of law over might. We rejoice in the peaceful relations of 100 years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfortified line nearly 4,000 miles in length, which divides the territory of the United States from that of the Dominion of Canada. The mutual trust and helpfulness which marked that undefended boundary a line and not a barrier between two peoples we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea."

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now, because of the terrible war which is still convulsing Europe and disturbing the whole world, become impracticable until the close of the conflict."

"But we appeal to the people in all the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by suitable exercises in churches of all denominations on the 14th of February, the date agreed upon for this purpose with our associate, the Canadian committee, by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17th and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the treaty, and also by appropriate exercises in all the schools of the 22d day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 as may be locally deemed preferable, by which all the children of America should be instructed on the significance of this great event, and of the happy prospect which is assured to us in spite of this horrible war, of another century of continued peace between all the English-speaking people of the world."

Hall For Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson renominated Henry Clay Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo., to be interstate commerce commissioner.

HAS HOPE IN NEXT SESSION

Anti-Saloon Leader Not Discouraged Over Prohibition Vote.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—"The national prohibition resolution will quite likely carry in the next session of congress," said P. A. High, Omaha district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league after reading the Washington dispatches on the vote in the lower house on the Hobson resolution. "Although the prohibition resolution did not carry, since it requires a two-thirds majority, it did get a majority of eight votes, and that is remarkable for the first time a straight out prohibition resolution ever appeared in congress. "Now the bill that is to come up in the senate is a little different. It makes the state and the national governments coordinate in the enforcement of the prohibitory law. Since the greatest obstacle we had to encounter in the house was the states rights proposition, we believe that the bill in the senate will be considered more favorably. Also we have a check on the votes in the senate to a pretty good extent, and we believe it will carry there or at least will run very close. If it should carry in the senate now, we believe it will carry in the house in the next session."

COREY FOR ATTORNEY, SWAIN FOR MARSHAL

Hitchcock Recommends Appointments For Two Nebraska Jobs.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Senator Hitchcock has recommended for appointment Merton T. Corey of Clay county for United States district attorney for Nebraska and J. R. Swain of Greeley for United States marshal.

"These positions are a year overdue," said Senator Hitchcock. "At the suggestion of the attorney general I have made my recommendations for two of the most important places in the federal service, district attorney and marshal. In the light of other recommendations I cannot know their fate. Of course I would like to have their names sent to the senate."

JOHNSON GIVES BONUS BACK

Star Pitcher Returns \$6,000 He Got For Signing Federal Contract.

Coffeyville, Kan., Dec. 24.—With the money obtained from the sale of a herd of steers, Walter Johnson, star of the Washington American league club's pitching staff, mailed a draft reimbursing Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federal league club, for the bonus given Johnson when he signed a Federal contract. The draft was for \$6,000.

"As far as I am concerned the incident, which has proven an unpleasant one to me, at least, is now closed," Johnson said. "There is nothing more I can do. I shall report to the Washington club when the spring training season opens. If any complications arise they will have to be fought out between the two leagues or between the heads of the two clubs—Washington and Chicago. When I mailed that draft my responsibilities ended."

Army Aeroplane Wrecked.

Oceanside, Cal., Dec. 24.—Lieutenant Ralph Holliday, observer on the United States army scouting aeroplane which left Los Angeles for San Diego, was slightly injured near here, when the aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant J. G. Morrow, was wrecked in landing. Holliday was badly cut about the head and face. Morrow escaped with a few bruises.

Mail Stolen From Depot at Ralston.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—Two sacks of Christmas parcel post matter, two outside parcels of holiday mail and two express packages were stolen from the depot at Ralston, Neb., by a thief who forced the door and gained entrance to the Burlington station. As a result the citizens of Ralston will probably lose a considerable portion of their Christmas gifts.

Scottish Rite Burial of Straube.

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 24.—The first Scottish Rite funeral ever held in Fairbury occurred here when the Lincoln consistory held its ritual service over the body of the late Alfred A. Straube in the Christian church. Mr. Straube was a member of the Lincoln consistory and had attained the highest degrees of Masonry.

Saunders Sends 1,800 Sacks of Flour.

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Saunders county Belgian relief committee reports having collected about \$2,200 and shipped 1,800 sacks of whole wheat flour and a supply of new and second-hand clothing to the people of the stricken country across the Atlantic.

Federal Troops Will Be Withdrawn.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Arrangements for beginning the withdrawal of federal troops from the Colorado strike districts within the next ten days were made at a conference between President Wilson, Governor Ammons of Colorado, Governor elect Carlson and Senator Shafroth.

Bank of Germany Cuts Discount Rate.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced to 5 per cent. This put the rate of discount back to what it was July 31, previous to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

LIVE STOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

Beef Trade Is Slow, But Advance Is Held.

HOG MARKET LITTLE EASIER.

Moderate Receipts Boost Sheep Trade. Aged Sheep and Lambs 15@25c Higher—Yearlings 10@15c U.S. Quality of Lambs Better.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Dec. 24.—Cattle receipts continued moderate, about 2,200 head arriving yesterday. Dressed beef men were apparently not as anxious for the beef as on Monday and Tuesday, but the bulk of the offerings sold at prices fully steady and all of half a dollar higher than a week ago. Western grass beefs that suited either the dressed beef men or the feeder buyers met with a healthy demand at steady to strong prices, while the medium and common stuff was slow sale and not more than steady. Cows and heifers opened strong, but closed a little easier than Tuesday. Canners and cutters are still rather slow and unsatisfactory sellers. Stockers and feeders were comparatively quiet, but quotably steady at the recent stronger figures.

Cattle quotations: Prime yearlings, \$8.75@9.50; good to choice beefs, \$8.25@8.75; fair to good beefs, \$6.50@8.20; common to fair beefs, \$6.50@7.50; good to choice heifers, \$6.00@7.25; fair to good cows, \$5.00@5.75; canners and cutters, \$4.00@5.00; veal calves, \$7.00@9.00; hails, stags, etc., \$5.00@6.75; good to choice feeders, \$7.50@8.15; fair to good feeders, \$6.80@7.40; common to fair feeders, \$5.75@6.75; stock heifers, \$5.25@6.25; stock cows, \$4.75@5.75; stock calves, \$6.00@8.00; good to choice range beefs, \$7.75@8.25; fair to good range beefs, \$6.75@7.50; common to fair beefs, \$5.75@6.75.

Some 11,800 hogs showed up yesterday. Trade in hogs was very draggy throughout, with prices steady to about 5c lower than Tuesday. Chicago reported a dull market, with liberal receipts. Bulk of the supply sold at \$6.95@7.05, with tops again selling at \$7.15.

Sheep and lamb receipts totaled 4,000 head. The light run was soon disposed of, with prices on both aged sheep and lambs showing an advance of 15c@25c over Tuesday's prices. Yearlings sold 10@15c higher. Yearlings brought \$7.10 and lambs went around \$8.00@8.45. Lambs are now selling fully 30@40c better and possibly more on the in-between kinds than a week ago. Aged sheep have improved 15c@25c, and yearlings 10@15c. Not enough feeders have been on hand to make any material changes in that branch of the trade.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, \$8.15@8.45; lambs, fair to good, \$7.75@8.15; feeders, fair to good, \$7.50@7.90; yearlings, good to choice, \$6.50@7.35; yearlings, fair to good, \$6.00@6.90; ewes, good to choice, \$5.50@6.25; ewes, fair to good, \$5.25@6.10; ewes, feeders, \$4.25@5.00.

ARIZONA DESERTS TURNED INTO A SEA

Floods Drive People of Tucson to the Roofs.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Torrents of rain falling almost continuously all week have flooded vast areas in this section of Arizona. The Santa Cruz river, ordinarily a dry bed, was a roaring water course, a mile and a half wide. Many houses and stores along its banks were wrecked or washed away, although no lives were reported lost. The desert country between this city and Phoenix is a veritable sea.

The Santa Cruz river skirts this city and the swollen stream, invading buildings of all descriptions, drove many persons to the roofs. Two Mexicans were reported drowned.

A tract of 30,000 acres, developed by a farm syndicate of Chicago, which invested \$2,000,000, was inundated. Railroad men rescued five persons in this section who had climbed a windmill tower to escape the waters.

The United States army forces at Naco suffered considerably. A cavalry trooper was reported drowned.

PEACE IN SIGHT ON BORDER

General Scott Has Satisfactory Meet With General Hill.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, successfully completed the first step in his effort for peace on the Mexican border. He conferred with General Benjamin Hill the Carranza defender of Naco, Sonora, and said that "it was a very satisfactory interview."

A conference with Maytorena is now being arranged by General Scott. Prior to the conference General Hill reported that 126 of Maytorena's Yaqui Indians threw down their arms and crossed to the American side.

WE SINCERELY WISH YOU

**A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year!**

We thank you for your patronage and your forbearance and appreciation of our efforts to serve you. We trust the pleasant relations of the past may continue for many years to come.

Yours truly,

E. G. Dovey -&- Son