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**THE RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS' COMPLAINT**

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 last message to congress indorsed the Gillett bill provided it could be amended so that there would be no promotions to the places of retiring clerks, but that these places may be filled by men of the lower grades at less salary and the difference used to apply on the annuity of the retiring clerk who had not the time to make such provision for himself. I have never heard a single clerk express himself in favor of the Gillett bill and even the older men who might immediately retire are not in favor of doing so at the expense of their fellows.  
 Now is the time for every man who has an ounce of business in the land to get busy and demand a proper adjustment of these affairs. Do not allow this splendid service to deteriorate. Call upon or write your congressman to look into the matter and oppose in every way possible all unjust and narrow measures and see that the new laws which may be enacted are not the kind in which the penny near the eye hides the dollar in the distance. We believe the whole department should be taken out of politics, and should never be the prize of any man whom fortune may have favored with success in that direction. Let its head be a man who has succeeded in large business enterprises and pay him any salary sufficient to secure his services and let him hold his position as long as he makes good, then and not till then, will this wonderful department of the government produce the best results.  
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 Would William Lorimer be the present senator from Illinois?  
 Would William F. Sheehan be the next senator from New York?  
 Would Oliver come back to the senate from Pennsylvania in January?  
 When the senate is elected by the people directly such scandals as the Lorimer one will cease.—Colliers Weekly.

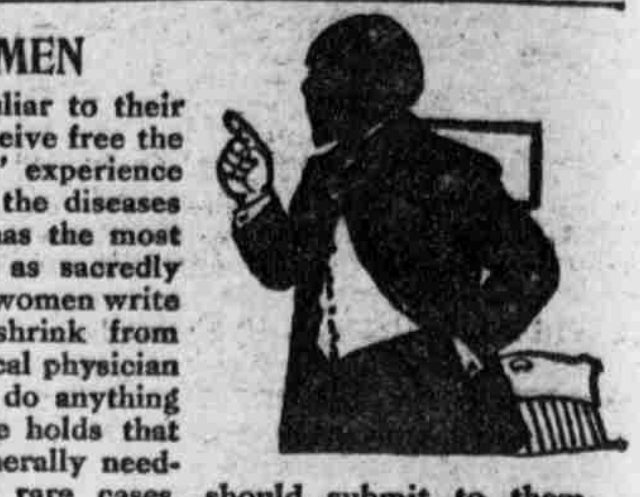
**GIVEN A JOLT**  
 The express companies in Canada are given a jolt by the dominion railroad commission which they seem to merit richly. Their charges are declared to be extortionate and should be reduced 10 per cent at least all around. They are grossly overcapitalized and act as leeches to draw unduly from regular transportation revenue. The situation there is evidently quite like that in this country, with the difference, however, that in Canada the railroads own the express companies while here the express companies are large owners in the railroad companies. But in both cases the two classes of companies have a relationship which makes a clear field for a game of hide and seek when public inquiry is afoot respecting the reasonableness of transportation rates. The Canadian commission declares that as the express companies are owned by the railroads there is no occasion for their maintenance to do a part of the business of the railroads. They should, in other words, be abolished.

And even though in the United States the railroads do not own the express companies they should be made to handle the express business. There is no more reason why separate companies should handle this

business in the United States than in Canada, and no more reason why a railroad should farm out its package traffic than this or that class of bulkier traffic.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

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