

### Employees Laud 'Humanizing' of Postal System

#### Way to Better Service Is to Better Working Conditions, Says Dr. Work at Conference.

The way to better the postal service is to better working conditions of employees. Then the service will take care of itself.

Dr. Hubert Work, postmaster general, voiced this philosophy to more than 1,000 Nebraska postal employees in conference at Scottish Rite cathedral yesterday afternoon.

Continuation of this "humanizing" element in the postal service, started by Will Hays, won repeated testimonials from employees who rose to his feet during an hour devoted to an open forum.

Dr. Work's achievements in the welfare line include establishment of cafeterias and canteens for the sale of supplies in many large postoffices, and obtaining scientific shoes and better uniforms for letter carriers at reduced prices.

"Red Tape" Eliminated. Yards of "red tape" also have been cut away by the new administration by establishment of central accounting offices in each state, instead of referring each small matter to Washington.

One of the purposes of my tour throughout the country is to enlist the interest of business men in the postal service as a business institution," said Dr. Work. "In return we ask them to help us get new buildings and additional floor space where needed."

He commended the courtesy of postal employees and praised an orchestra, made up of local mail employees, which furnished music for the conference.

Service Suggestions. John H. Bartlett, first assistant, spoke on "Shop Talk on Live Postal Issues," following which the meeting was thrown open for service suggestions.

Pat McGovern of the local claims office suggested the sale of stationery and shipping tags to tourists at the information window. C. F. F. Michelson, president of the Letter Carriers' association, suggested a relay system on account of heavy magazine mail, and trucks to carry heavier mail.

William Otto of Lincoln commended the "early mailing" propaganda of the department, aimed to reduce working hours of the night shifts.

A touch of humor was added when a woman nearby asked how to deliver a letter to Santa Claus.

Following this session the postal officials conferred with 150 heavy mailers. Mayor Dahlman and Governor McKelvie made speeches of welcome. Postmaster Charles Black presided.

### "Better Service," Is Postal Slogan

#### Overflow Crowd of Nebraska Mail Employees Attends Business Conference Here.

An overflow crowd of Nebraska postal employees attended yesterday morning's session of the business conference called in the north court room of the Federal building. W. N. Coble, postoffice inspector, presided.

L. A. Johnson of Kansas City, new inspector for this division, was introduced.

"Better service" is the watchword of the postal department," said he. "We are not here for pay or prestige, but to give service to his honor, the American citizen."

He complimented Nebraska for enthusiasm displayed.

Harry Blackstone, cashier of the central accounting office, explained the new method of exchanging 1918 war savings stamps, which mature January 1, 1923, into treasury saving certificates.

Pat McGovern also spoke. Prominent postmasters who headed delegations from their towns are: W. L. McClay, Lincoln; D. C. Morgan, Plattsmouth; F. W. Fuhlrott, Fremont; Mary Gleason, Platte Center; Fred Scofield, Columbus; C. A. Berry, Wayne; Joseph E. Hines, Wahoo; L. C. Sturges, North Platte; Harold Hjelmfelt, Holdrege; and B. C. Gentle, Norfolk.

### Station Master at Onawa Robbed by Highwaymen

Two highwaymen held up and robbed the station master at the Northwestern depot in Onawa, Ia., at an early hour Monday morning of \$189 and escaped on a freight train bound for Omaha, according to a warning received by Omaha police asking them to look for the bandits.

### Daily Prayer

It is good to sing praises unto our God—ye, I will.

Our Father, for such Thou hast taught us to call Thee, we thank Thee that we may be brought into Thy family through living loving faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Elder Brother. And we thank Thee for all that may mean to us.

We thank Thee for a Father's love. Keep us ever, we pray Thee, within the circle of that love. We thank Thee for the oversight and protection that Thou givest us day by day.

As we go out from the home, go Thou with us, and when we return at evening may we bring Thee with us, to be with us in the breaking of bread and through all the hours of darkness, until morning break and the shadows flee away. Draw all members of the family circle into real fellowship with Thy Son, that we may be cleansed from all sin, and may be kept by His power from falling, and may be presented at last faultless before Thy presence with exceeding great joy. Make us to be more tender and thoughtful one of another, and of all our companions.

Prayer all display of tongue and heavy speech, give us the love that suffereth long and is kind, thinks with us all the words and discourses. Bless all mankind, redeem the world from sin, and hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.   
 BROTHER THOMAS D. B.   
 CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

### Postal Heads Arrive for Conference



Left to right: Postmaster Charles E. Black; Dr. Hubert Work, postmaster general; John H. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster general; Walter Head, Omaha banker.

The "big bosses" of Uncle Sam's postal system—Dr. Hubert Work, postmaster general, and John H. Bartlett, first assistant, arrived in Omaha early yesterday morning for an all-day conference with 1,200 Nebraska postal employees.

Dr. Work showed signs of fatigue after a string of daily conferences throughout the middle west. A trip to the air mail hangar, planned for yesterday morning, was curtailed on that account. While he rested, Bartlett, former governor of New Hampshire, inspected the Harney street station.

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### Dr. Work Meets Friend of Early Days in Omaha

#### Tecumseh, Neb., Contractor Tells How He and Postmaster General "Cleaned Out" by Absconding Treasurer.

A close friend of 35 years ago greeted Dr. Robert Work in Omaha yesterday. He is Al Dunlap, former Burlington official, and now general contractor at Tecumseh, Neb., who came here especially to greet the postmaster general.

It was Dunlap who disclosed that Dr. Work was "cleaned out" of his last penny three years ago in Fort Morgan, Colo., when a county treasurer, on whose bond Work and Dunlap had signed, absconded with \$44,000.

"Seven more bondsmen made good the loss, but it took every dime all of us had and we had to start over again," Dunlap related.

While Work is a republican, Dunlap is a democrat.

"But Dunlap always voted the republican ticket," Dr. Work divulged in "jollifying" his friend. They also chortled with glee in recalling a certain lynching party in Colorado when they were younger.

"No one ever found out we were in it," the old conferees boasted.

Dr. Work brought two of Dunlap's children into the world. The daughter, De Lara, is now living at Scottsbluff, Neb.

Frank D. Field, Omaha lumberman, was a Dartmouth classmate of former Governor Bartlett, and escorted the first assistant postmaster general around the city yesterday morning.

Shortly before noon, an informal reception to enable government officials to meet the postal chiefs, was held in Postmaster Black's office.

Tall and kindly, with a professional air which bespeaks the physician and former president of the American Medical association more than the politician, Dr. Work spoke on postal problems at noon and at the postal conference in the Scottish Rite cathedral at 2.

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### Postal Clerks Seek Employment Reforms

Reforms in working conditions for postal clerks is sought by Gilbert E. Hyatt, president of the Federation of Postal Clerks, who is making the same itinerary as Dr. Work's party.

He advocates reduction in night work and overtime by means of "early mailing" propaganda.

"Seventy-five per cent of all mail is now distributed by night workers, because heavy mailers put their letters into the mails between 5 and 8 p. m.," he said.

He and William Otto, vice president, spoke to postal clerks Monday night in A. O. U. W. hall, Fourteenth and Douglas streets.

Ed J. Gaylor, president of the National Letter Carriers' association, talked to local letter carriers Monday night at 8 in the Fontenelle, following a dinner tendered by local officials.

ducted by W. N. Coble, postoffice inspector.

Walter Head arranged a brief interview with the postal officials and leading Chamber of Commerce men at noon, with a view to getting the postal department to reimburse the Omaha chamber for money expended in erecting the local hangar.

Dr. Work and Bartlett met 200 representatives of Omaha's heaviest mailers at a dinner given by the Bankers' club last night at 7 at the Athletic club.

Governor McKelvie came to Omaha yesterday to welcome the visitors.

Edward J. Gaylor, president of the National Letter Carriers' association, and Gilbert Hiatt and William Otto, officials of the Postal Clerks' association, arrived on the same train.

### Norris Goes to Washington.

Lincoln, Nov. 13. — (Special Telegram.) — Senator George W. Norris passed through Lincoln today on his way to Washington. Senator Norris declined to discuss results of the Nebraska election.

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### Work Says U. S. Mail to Be Made Paying Business

#### Postmaster General, Speaking Before C. of C., Asserts Parcel Post to Blame for Losses.

In a concise, 15-minute talk at the noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Monday, Postmaster Gen-

eral Hubert Work outlined the extensive operations of the postal department and the plans of the administration for development of the world's greatest business.

Mr. Work enumerated the deficits in the department during past years and said he expects next year to make the postal service pay for itself.

As the cause of the poor financial record of the service, Mr. Work named the parcel post. To transport packages the government is compelled to rent additional space, hire extra delivery conveyances and secure more space in railway mail cars.

The actual cost to the sender is much less than in the case of either freight or express, yet the cost to the

government is greater. In some cities, according to the speaker, parcel post business is carried on under guard on the sidewalk.

Under the new plan the government will buy, instead of rent, needed space. The postal business has doubled in the last 10 years and \$12,000,000 is paid out annually as rent.

It also is planned to establish central offices in each state to eliminate the present system of "red tape" and facilitate answers to inquiries regarding interpretation of postal regulations.

Mr. Work thanked Governor McKelvie, Mayor Dahlmann, Chamber President Walter Head and the entire audience for their cooperation in af-

airs of the administration. Mr. Work also spoke yesterday afternoon at the Scottish Rite cathedral.

### O'Malley Beats Dollarhide for State Representative

Discovery of a telegraphic error in an election return from Greeley county disclosed that George W. O'Malley, democrat, was elected state representative from the Sixty-fifth district, instead of C. M. Dollarhide, republican, as previously reported. A telegraph report from Greeley November 8 gave Dollarhide 5,892 votes, whereas a mailed and corrected dispatch gave him but 642 for Greeley county, assuring the election of his opponent.

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