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POSTAL WORK IS REVIEWED

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Rendell Account of His Secretaryship.

BUSINESS AND CRIMES BOTH INCREASE

More Offices Appointed Than Ever Before and More Offenses and Irregularities Form Subject of Investigations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Mr. Bristol, fourth assistant postmaster general, has prepared his report for the year ended June 30, 1902. In it he says: The work of this bureau has increased proportionately with the increase in the postal business of the country.

There were 4,099 postoffices discontinued during the year ended June 30, 1902, being 1,022 more than during the preceding year.

The principal causes for the large decrease in the number of offices have been the extension of rural free delivery stations in lieu of fourth-class postoffices, the extension of city delivery service and the improvement of the public highways.

By the act of congress approved August 12, 1896, authority was given to accept bonds executed by trust companies for each office as are required to furnish a guaranty for faithful duty.

The aggregate amount of the penalties of all postoffice bonds now in force is about \$120,000,000. The penalties of the bonds which were approved during 1902 amounted to \$8,819,500, as compared with \$7,555,000 in 1901.

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During the year there were 174 robberies of postoffices, as compared with 188 in 1901; eleven robberies of mail trains, as compared with thirty-seven; sixteen of mail messengers, star route carriers and wagons, as compared with three; 465 of street and rural free delivery letters, as compared with 158. This increase is accounted for by the growth of the rural free delivery service.

pendent, in 82 proceedings were dismissed and seven defendants died awaiting trial. Eleven forfeited bail and ten escaped, leaving 29 cases.

In state courts 112 cases were disposed of, resulting in forty-two convictions and ten acquittals, leaving sixty-one cases awaiting trial.

With an aggregate amount of \$12,713 on hand July 1, 1902, \$23,775 was collected, making a total of \$36,488 to be accounted for, of which \$32,067.79 was disbursed, leaving an unexpended balance of \$4,420.21 at the close of the year.

On May 25 inspectors delivered to the Cuban successor the postal service completely organized in its operations and facilities, completely equipped with material and almost entirely Cubanized in its personnel.

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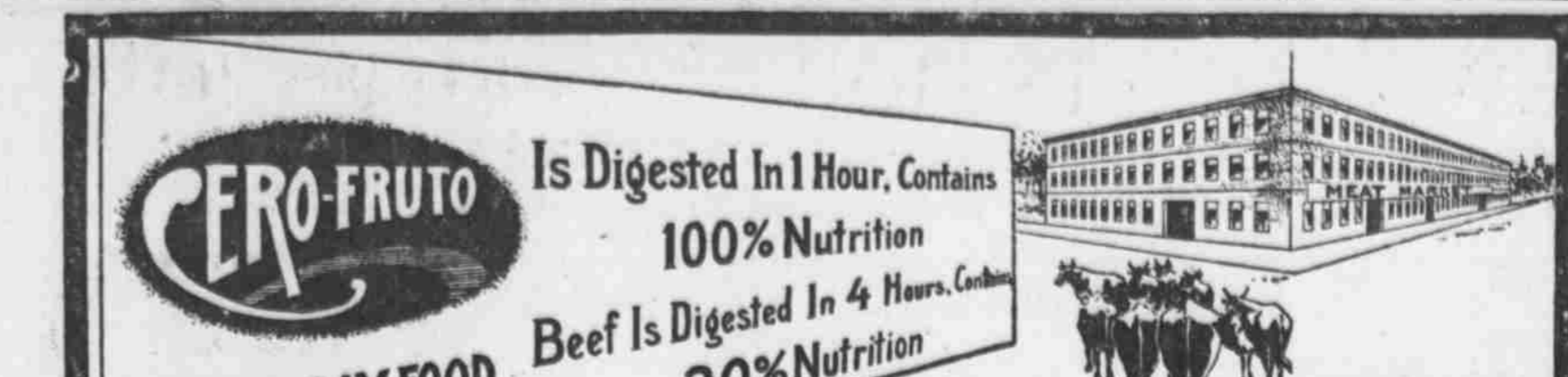
During the year 24,118 inquiries concerning foreign mail were received, of which 14,714 related to registered matter, 8,967 to ordinary mail and 10,437 of a miscellaneous nature. There were 4,181 cases on hand at the beginning of the year, making a total of 28,299. Of this number 2,315 were investigated. Of the 14,693 registered cases loss occurred in only 284.

Of the total number of arrests during the fiscal year was 1,721. Of this 112 were postmasters, 25 assistant postmasters, 45 clerks, 183 railway postal clerks, 28 letter carriers, 48 mail carriers and 48 employed in minor positions. The remainder (1,613) were persons not connected with the postal service, and among them were 287 postoffice burglars.

Of the total number of arrests 1,181 were disposed of in United States courts, resulting in 715 convictions. Two hundred and sixty-two defendants were discharged, 31 acquitted, in 81 cases sentence was sus-

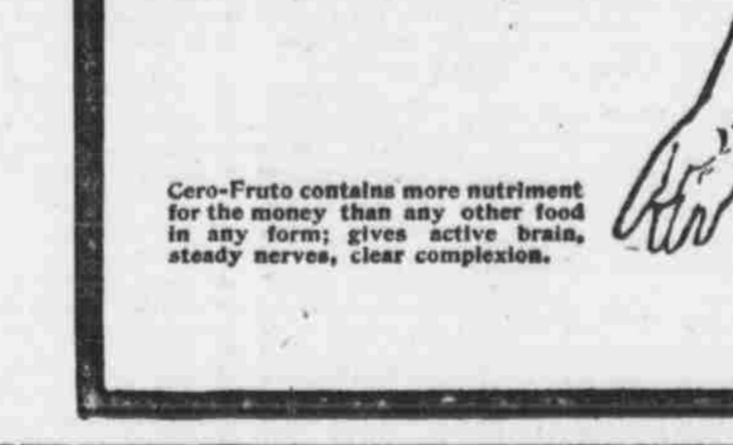
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CANADA AIDS BIG FRAUD

Unwittingly Receives Thousands of Rejected Emigrants from United States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Mr. Sargent today made public a report from Robert Watchorn, special immigrant inspector, dated Paris, August 22, on the immigration to the United States by way of Canada.

European agents describe Montreal as border city within easy stroll of American Necca their Victims Wish to Reach.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The following postoffices have been discontinued: South Dakota, Thule, Campbell county; Iowa, Ballowtown, Bankston, King, Lattner, Luxemburg, Moller, New Vienna, O'Neil, Placid, Richardsonville, Rockdale, Tivoli, Washington Mills, Dubuque county; Crozier, Racine, Buena Vista county.

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SWIFT JUSTICE FOR MURDER

George Bear Convicted in Just Twenty Days After Committing Crime.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Swift punishment has been given out to George Bear, a Brule Sioux Indian, belonging to the Rosebud reservation, who, on October 8 last, as the result of a difficulty between himself and his stepson, John Shaw, over the ownership of some hay, shot and killed Shaw and C. Edward Taylor, white man, additional farmer and school teacher at the Ponca subbase station on the Rosebud reservation.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Man Caught on Revolving Shaft Holds on Until the Engine is Stopped.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—For a period of five minutes C. J. Wagner, connected with the four mill at Wankonda, stared death squarely in the face, but after a desperate fight he came out winner.

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MRS. MAY DOHSE, CHICAGO, ILL. CONDUCTRESS (President) of the Marys of the Lake, Catholic Order of Foresters.

Advertisement for WINE OF CARDUI featuring a portrait of Mrs. May Dohse and a testimonial about her recovery from illness. The text describes her long struggle with health issues and how the wine of Cardui helped her.

Advertisement for THE BEE BUILDING, R. C. PETERS & CO., Rental Agents. Ground Floor. It lists various office equipment and services available for rent, including elevators, fire traps, and office furniture.

Advertisement for GOLD SEAL CHAMPAGNE, 'SPECIAL DRY' 'BRUT'. It features an illustration of a champagne bottle and describes it as 'America's Best' and a 'GOLD SEAL' product. The text claims it is the world's best gold and most eminent chemists in competition with six of the best French Champagnes.