

MAIL CLERKS SHOW MORE "ECONOMIES"

Papers Delayed Several Days at Transfer Before They Are Even Sorted.

CLERK TREATMENT HARSH

Following The Bee's recent exposure of the demoralization of the railway mail service, another abused clerk has written to tell the facts about what the present administration is doing to the country's mail service.

Although forbidden to give out information, the railway mail clerks are risking punishment and are voicing protests and revealing facts, which Postmaster General Burleson's muzzling order was designed to hide, concerning the mail delays resulting from the democratic administration's "economical and business-like policy."

The latest clerk to write The Bee corroborates this paper's previous reports and tells of serious instances of mail delays. He also cites instances of the harsh treatment accorded the clerks, who are now denied a full day of rest each week, are forced to work longer hours and are kept from promotions they would have received under the former order of things.

In the latest letter, defying "Boss Burleson" and his muzzling order, a railway mail clerk suggests that the public demand a congressional inquiry. His letter follows:

"To the Editor of The Bee: In last Sunday's paper a picture appeared showing the congestion of mails and while some officials were asked about it, the reply was made that they were all empty sacks. This is not true and the public can satisfy themselves by going and seeing for themselves. If there was or is no delay and congestion why should an order appear which reads something like this:

"Council Bluffs terminal clerks are informed that there is no change in the policy so far as compensatory time is concerned. Clerks working 'overtime' on account of unusual conditions will be given compensatory time, and all clerks will respond for service on the day they are due to be off, when called upon by the clerk in charge."

"This, Mr. Editor, is a plain case of hold-up, as by this order our weekly day of rest is taken away. This time is paid back to us by giving us a few hours each day, having no whole day off. Why is it that the great supreme court grants the railroad men their eight hours and Uncle Sam's own employees are forced to work overtime? Attached find an order as they appear, and by it you will see how the clerks must use their own time to study, making a working day about nine to ten hours. In section 4 it shows how promotion is stopped."

"Idaho circulars are being worked now in the terminal that were mailed in New York City March 14. Sunday Sioux City Journals are being worked on Tuesday and Wednesday following.

"What the clerks want is to have the newspapers in the country demand a congressional investigation of why all this delay and rotten service. Would be pleased to have this appear in your paper, so the public can get wise to a few facts."

Attached to the clerk's letter was a general order, issued March 13, from Chicago, in the Sixth division of the railway mail service. Sections of the order referred to are as follows:

All clerks assigned to terminals, who perform distribution, or who may be called upon to perform distribution in any emergency, shall be examined on the scheme of distribution, and no time allowance shall be given to study, either in postoffices or terminals.

Section 4. Surplus clerks, in whatever assignments they are carried, if regularly employed and otherwise entitled to promotion, may be given annual promotion to Grade 4. Clerks of Grade 4 and above will not be considered for promotion, as long as they remain surplus clerks, or until they are given a regular assignment calling for a higher grade. These instructions shall apply to any January 1, 1917, cases.

Coal Thief Complains Wrong Victim is Accuser H. L. Anthony, colored, offered a unique plea when arraigned before Police Judge Fitzgerald on the charge of stealing coal. Anthony said he didn't steal coal from the railroad company which was prosecuting him, but from an entirely different company. The court remarked that there wasn't much difference and Anthony agreed with him. A fine of \$15 and costs was imposed.

Go Where the Crowds Go You will find the cars crowded today with people going to see Garden Lands Take a car to 43d and Q streets. Salesmen will be there to take you to the sales ground. Or, take the Ralston or Papillon car and get off at 56th and Q streets, the southeast corner of this GARDEN LAND. You will find a lot of your friends and neighbors buying.

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Witnesses Tell of Smelling Odor Of Gasoline When Theater Burns

Kohlberg, Proprietor of The Farnam, is on Trial for Setting Fire to the Place.

MARKS OF INCENDIARISM

Several witnesses who testified that they found strong evidence of incendiary immediately after the blaze broke out were introduced by the state in the trial of Joseph Kohlberg on a charge of arson in Judge Sears' court. Kohlberg, proprietor of "The Farnam," a moving picture theater at 1415 Farnam street, was indicted by the grand jury just before the body adjourned.

The theater was gutted by a blaze on the night of February 1. The indictment was based on evidence unearthed after this fire. A more recent blaze in the theater drove diners in a Chinese restaurant upstairs into the street and for a time threatened other buildings.

The grand jury indictment alleges that Kohlberg "set fire" to his theater in an attempt to collect \$10,000 worth of insurance, carried in several companies, on fixtures valued at \$2,000. The theater man has been out on bond since his indictment. A conviction on a charge of arson carries with it a sentence of from one to seven years in the state penitentiary.

The star witness for the state thus far has been George Simpson, captain of hose company No. 3, one of the earliest arrivals at the scene of the blaze. He testified that it was a "flash fire," quickly gaining headway simultaneously with the explosions heard soon after the alarm was turned in. He told on the witness stand that a pronounced odor of gasoline and turpentine greeted him as he led the way when the firemen broke into the blazing theater.

Assistant Chief Dineen testified that the blaze bore all the marks of incendiary. He was one of the first to arrive at the scene. Charlie Sing and Charlie Chiu, waiters in a chop suey restaurant upstairs, told the court that they detected the odor of gasoline when smoke began to permeate the kitchen and dining room.

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ONE JAILED BANDIT INVOLVES FRIENDS

Tells Police Identity of Men Who Helped Him in Terrorizing City.

VICTIMS IDENTIFY THE MEN

Harry Curtis of Kansas City, Tom Ryan of Chicago and Ed Brandt of New York were held for the district court under bonds of \$1,000 each when they appeared before Police Judge Fitzgerald and waived examination on the charge of highway robbery preferred by Louis Anderson, 1813 Izard street. Anderson identified the three men, picking them from a crowd of ten persons.

Curtis, Ryan and Brandt, say the police, are the trio who fled from the Hayden drug store at 3004 North Twenty-fourth street on the night of March 14, when Mrs. Hayden, the proprietor, shot at them after they had demanded the contents of the cash drawer. Curtis has confessed to this attempted robbery and has told police that he was one of three men who held up and robbed William J. Brennan, 5919 Florence Boulevard, the same night at Twenty-fourth and Grand avenue.

Ryan and Brandt, who were caught in St. Joseph, have not spoken except to deny that they had any part in the three robberies. Detective Holden secured from Curtis a confession of guilt in all three jobs.

Alleged Burglars Held. George Smith, Joe Brown and William Roberts, all living near Seventh and Leavenworth streets, were held for the district court under bonds of \$500 each. They were charged with breaking and entering the Paxton & Gallagher warehouse and stealing about \$400 worth of auto tires and tubes.

A. A. Monthbriand, who runs a saloon at Twentieth and Castelar streets, told the court that he was willing to "settle the cases of John Kahler, Ed Suchey and James Shaw out of court." The three men were charged with breaking and entering the saloon. The judge continued the case until Friday.

Richard Walters, 19 years old, 2015 Fowler avenue, and William Melvin, also 19, of 4738 North Twenty-fourth street, were held for the district court under bonds of \$750 each. They

pleaded not guilty and waived preliminary examination on the charge of robbing E. A. Brenna of Friend, Neb., after one hilarious night at north side road houses.

French Ship Espagne Brings 231 Passengers New York, March 22.—The French line steamship Espagne arrived here today from Bordeaux with 231 passengers. It came in armed with an automatic rapid firing gun on its bow and a large gun aft. Its officers said no submarines were sighted.

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46867 "Miss Springtime," by Princess Orchestra.
46868 "Flora Bella," by Princess Orchestra.
46869 "Poor Butterfly," introducing "Come On Down to Ragtime Town" by Princess Band.
46870 "You and I," Foxrot, by Princess Band.
46871 "Charming," Waltz, by Princess Orchestra.
46872 "A Dream," introducing "Melody in E," Waltz, by Princess Orchestra.
46873 "Somewhere in Dixie," by Empire Male Trio.
46874 "Keep Your Eye on the Girlie You Love," by M. J. O'Connell, tenor.
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