

Our County Officers Are Asking For More Money---Have You Got It For Them?

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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BURLESON CRIPPLES THE RURAL MAIL SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

Order Will Curtail the Routes in This State One-Half—Hardship on the People—In Many Instances Daily Routes Are Cut to Thrice a Week; Others Are Abolished—Is Trying to Make Good—It Is Claimed That Burleson's Efforts to Make the Postoffice Department Self-Sustaining Have Resulted Thus Far in Miserable Failure.

By Parker R. Anderson.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Albert Sidney Burleson, postmaster general in President Wilson's Cabinet, will be the most unpopular man in North Carolina before the sun goes down tomorrow night. The Honorable Albert Sidney has just issued an order which will practically annihilate the rural delivery service throughout the county and make it almost impossible for people living in the sparsely settled districts to have additional routes established.

The order will curtail the rural routes in North Carolina almost 50 per cent. In many instances where the routes are now operated six times a week they will be cut to three-times-a-week and in other instances routes will be abolished for good.

When Burleson's order accidentally reached members of Congress today there was an indignation meeting among the North Carolina and other State delegations. They see that if Burleson is allowed to have his way about the only men the average citizen living in the country will have of getting his mail will be by privately owned airship lines or hot foot it to the nearest postoffice.

The only reason any one can give for the postmaster general's order is that he wants to make good his declaration that he would make the postoffice department self-sustaining. So far Mr. Burleson has made a miserable failure along this particular line it is claimed. There is already a deficit of some dozen or so millions of dollars and the end is not yet.

He now proposes to inconvenience thousands of good American citizens throughout the country by depriving them of their daily newspapers and other mail in order that he make a good financial showing to Congress when he hands in his annual report next December.

The Burleson order in full follows: "Section 716 of the postal laws and regulations is amended so as to eliminate the present paragraph 4 thereof, and to add the following paragraph:

"4.—The establishment of a rural route less than 10 miles in length shall not be considered unless at least six families to the mile are prospective citizens.

"5.—Persons within one mile of travel of existing mail facilities shall not be counted as prospective patrons warranting the establishment of a route except in exceptional cases.

"(a)—Such persons cannot be added to existing routes without overburdening such routes, or

"(b)—Cannot secure available location for their boxes on existing routes, or

"(c)—Are in such numbers that 20 families per traveled mile mail be supplied directly from the proposed route.

"6.—A route proposed, with duplication upon existing rural or star route service, shall not be established, unless that portion which is not such duplication will serve a sufficient number of families to warrant under these rules, a route of the entire length proposed.

"7.—A route shall not be established for the supply of mills, factories, or isolated compact communities in a region where the general rural settlement is sparse and not of the character originally contemplated to receive the benefit of rural delivery service.

"8.—Authorized service shall not be entered upon until approval boxes have actually been erected by the prospective patrons, nor until all requirements have been met and the entire route (roads, bridges, gates, etc.) is in a suitable condition for the performance of continuous service, which fact shall be certified by the postmaster.

"9.—The frequency of service on a newly established route shall not exceed three times a week unless such route is formed wholly, or in greater part, by rearrangement of six times a week service.

"10.—A route with service of three times a week shall not be increased in frequency until for a period of six months it has been regularly supplying permanent patrons in the ratio of four families, and collection and delivering 150 pieces of mail per month to the mile.

"11.—Routes on which for six consecutive months the quantity of mail collected and delivered has averaged less than 75 pieces per month per mile shall not be continued unless such route can be rearranged to secure patronage coming within these rules.

"A new section is added to the postal laws and regulations to be known as section 716 1-2, and to read as follows:

"Section 716 1-2: An extension (without retrace) of a rural route shall not be authorized, unless patrons more than one mile more than one mile of travel from existing facilities can be added in the ratio of four families for each mile of additional travel involved. Exceptional conditions stated in paragraph 5, section 716 may be recognized as modifying this rule.

"2.—An extension involving a retrace shall not be made, unless patrons more than one mile of travel from existing facilities can be added in the ratio of six families for each mile of additional travel involved, except that accommodations retrace extensions may be made where 12 families for each mile of travel involved

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ALLOWANCES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.

When the new law goes into effect increasing the allowance for the various county officers the amount allowed each officer will be as follows:

Clerk Superior Court \$600.00
Register of Deeds 1,400.00
Sheriff's Office 1,500.00
Total Allowance \$3,500.00

Three thousand and five hundred dollars allowance for extra help, besides the salaries of the officers. But the tax payers do not mind this additional burden times are good and money plentiful, hurrah for Woodrow Wilson and the Alamance County office holders. Eight cent cotton and four cent tobacco. Gee, but times are good.

PRETTY LINE FOR MADE-TO-MEASURE SUITS.

Mr. J. Ben Ferrell says he has the prettiest line of samples for his Spring's suits that he has ever handled, and that is saying a lot for Ben as he has had some extremely nice lines before. He evidently believes in it as he is carrying an ad in this issue to tell you exactly what he thinks of his line and to try to convince you that his store is the place that has the right quality with the right price, however it might be well for you to see his samples before you buy. He does not charge anything to see his samples.

Smith & Qualls, on Logan Street, in West Burlington, are among our most progressive merchants. They are having a special sale as they have too much stock on their shelves and wish to convert it into cash. They have a nice line of General Merchandise and will be glad to show you anything in their line that you wish. Call to see them—it will save you money.

"TREY O' HEARTS" CLOSES.

Manager Coley, of The Crystal, yesterday and last night showed the 15th and last episode of the "Trey O' Hearts," which has been running for the last fifteen weeks at the Crystal. The picture is indeed a good one and has met the approval of a large number of people who attended his theater during its run. Quite a number have expressed regret that the picture is over.

In the last episode Allan and Rose are being married when the lightning strikes the hotel, killing Rose and Senect Trine, and Allen receives a telegram which announces that he is lawfully married to Judith, and the picture ends leaving everybody in a happy mood.

MR. GROSS HAS FIRE.

Sunday morning about 8:30 the fire alarm was sounded, and upon investigation the residence of Mr. L. B. Gross on W. Davis Street was found to be burning around a chimney.

The company responded promptly and very little damage was done to the building. The fire is supposed to have started from a spark falling on the roof from the chimney.

We are mailing out a number of extra papers this issue. If you receive one and are not a subscriber, it is an invitation to subscribe. Remember twice each week for the price of once, and a hundred cabbage plants free. Read this issue carefully and note what a good paper we are giving you, then send us your subscription.

JAPAN AND CHINA NEARING TROUBLE.

Tokio insists on Demands and Peking refuses; Japanese fortify railway.

HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET WITHIN THE WAR ZONE IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET.

Last Friday night the Annual Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of our city was given at the Piedmont Hotel, to about sixty of Burlington's most progressive business men and citizens and their wives.

Quite a number of short speeches were made by different members around the banquet board, which were greatly enjoyed and inspired the hearers to better and nobler thoughts for the improvement of our city and looking forward to a number of new enterprises in the near future.

New officers were elected as follows: W. E. Sharpe, president; D. R. Fonville, Vice President; R. F. Williams, secretary; John M. Cook, W. K. Holt, W. E. Sharpe, A. L. Davis, W. W. Brown, J. H. Vernon, O. F. Crowson, J. L. Scott, D. R. Fonville, directors.

The following is the menu:

- Cream of Chicken
- Mixed Pickles
- Celery Hearts
- Roast Country Ham—Alamance Gravy
- Sauer Kraut
- Sugar Corn
- Stuffer Country Ham, Progress Sauce
- White Potatoes
- Green Peas
- Hot Mince Pie
- Assorted Cake
- Fruits
- American Cheese
- Crackers
- Mixed Nuts
- Coffee.

NEGRO DRAYMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—John Walker, a negro man, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon shortly after 4:00 o'clock when he was knocked from a wagon disintegrating under the wheels of a box car that was being moved by a train at the South Davie street crossing during a very hard downpour of rain. The negro was driving the wagon and another negro was on the rear, the latter making a safe break for safety when the ears struck the wagon. Walker was thrown directly under the wheels of a car and his body was practically severed, death ensuing instantly.

Owing to the hard rain it is said to have been practically impossible for the engineer to see from the cab of the engine to the car that struck the wagon, there being seven or eight cars in the string. The load of crates belonging to the theatrical company was scattered for several feet in every direction and as luck would have it, with comparatively little or no damage.

The remains of the negro were taken to a local undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. They will probably be sent to Mebane, the former home of the negro, for burial this morning. The deceased is said to have been unmarried.

The J. B. Jones Clothing Company have moved into their new store, and have about the nicest display windows in this or any other town in the State. They have changed the appearance of that section of the street by having their windows attractively displayed and well lighted. It really looks like some of the bigger city stores. They have an extra nice line of goods on the inside, and invite you to come and see. No admission fee.

GERMAN PRESS NOT SO FRIENDLY TO UNITED STATES.

Several Leading Papers Are Inclined to Show a Very Hostile Spirit—Says Demand Is Bluff and Won't Be Heeded—Count Reventlow Repeats the Admiralty Order and Says Tone of the Note is Not "Suited for Communications With the German Empire," and United States Must Obey Warnink if Good Relations Continue; Others Say American Aboard British Ships Will Be Given No Chance to Escape if Torpedoed by Submarine.

KAISER INVITES MR. GERARD TO CONFER AT HEADQUARTERS.

Germany Regards American Note of Supreme Importance and Quick Action is Likely on Account of Limited Time—Germany May Suggest American Warships to Convey Merchant Ships.

GERARD INVITED TO CONFERENCE.

London, Feb. 14, 10:10 P. M.—The German Emperor, according to an exchange telegraph dispatch from The Hague, has invited the American Ambassador to Germany, James W. Gerard, to a conference at Eastern headquarters.

KEEN INTEREST AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Press reports announcing that the German Emperor had invited Ambassador Gerard to confer with him at the battle front were read tonight with keen interest by officials of the United States Government. Aside from the indication that the American note had produced an impression of supreme importance, it was thought the Emperor had decided on a conference so quickly because only four days remain before the German admiralty's proclamation for a submarine campaign on merchant ships goes into effect.

MAY DISCUSS CONTRABAND.

In many quarters here it was supposed that one of the chief purposes of the informal conference was to elicit from the American government some understanding as to its position regarding shipments of conditional contraband destined to Germany's civilian population. The growing importance of this question was admitted on all sides here and there is every reason to believe it will be one of the chief points made by the United States in its next communication to Great Britain on the subject of contraband. The long supplementary reply from the British Government to the American note of protest of Dec. 26, had not been transmitted in full tonight, but officials expected a complete copy of it would be ready for their perusal tomorrow.

It became known today that Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, pointed out to Secretary Bryan yesterday that Germany desired to encourage American shipping. This was shown clearly by his government, the Ambassador asserted, when shortly after the beginning of the war, Germany expressed its willingness to accept the Declaration of London as the law of the seas, applicable during the war.

MAY REQUEST WARSHIPS.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Via London, 11:30 P. M.—The American Ambassador J. W. Gerard, conferred last night with the German Foreign Secretary Herr Von Jagow, regarding the American note, at the latter's request. Nothing

JAILED AT SMITHFIELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Cephas Cole, 18-Year-Old Negro, Held For Attack on Three-Year-Old Girl.

Smithfield, Feb. 15.—About 11:30 this morning Cephas Cole, a negro boy of 18 is said to have assaulted Cleo, the three and a half years old daughter of John William Wood, of Meadow Township, a county commissioner who was in Smithfield on business at the time. The negro was left plowing and had gone to the house purposely for water. The girl was at the barn lot and as the negro passed back to the field he took the little girl over the fence and towards the woods.

J. Mangum Wood, a grown brother, was some distance off and this attracted his attention and he followed them. When he got near the woods he heard his sister cry out. He started towards them and the negro, meeting him, disclaimed any wrongdoing, saying he was picking flowers for the little girl. Wood beat him with a stick and the negro ran to the house and told Mrs. Wood he had done nothing. The child had gone to the house crying and was clinging to her mother's knees; her clothes were soiled and her person bruised.

Mrs. Wood telephoned for her husband to come and bring the sheriff. They started, but before they arrived Deputy Sheriff Will Moore, of Benson, was passing and was called. He and Mangum Wood went in pursuit of the negro, who left when Mrs. Wood telephoned for the sheriff and captured him in a swamp near the Wood home. Sheriff Moore carried the negro by Benson and hence brought him to Smithfield, where he was lodged in jail.

Feeling in lower Johnson is not temperate, but there is no fear of summary punishment. Mr. Wood speaking to your correspondent over the telephone tonight, stated that his child was not hurt, though badly scared, that he wanted the negro punished to the full extent of the law, and that he would be here tomorrow to swear out warrant and prosecute the case.

CHURCH NOTICE.

The Church of the Holy Comforter. Next Wednesday is Ash-Wednesday or the First Day of Lent. There will be service and sermon at 10:30 A. M., and service and address at 8:00 P. M., by Mr. B. F. Finney, Southern Field Secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who is making visits to the Parish and helping the men to organize a Chapter of the Brotherhood. Evening Prayer on Thursday and Friday at 5:00 P. M. Public cordially invited to all the services.

Our county officers seems to want some one to do all the work, and let them spend their time, planning to get elected again. If those elected are not capable to keep their books and willing to do so, there are good men in both parties in this county who will do their own book-keeping and gladly accept the office at the present salary.

has been made public regarding the conference but it is learned the foreign office is preparing to answer the American note and the idea is entertained in certain quarters that Germany may suggest that the United States sent warships to convoy American merchantmen through the danger zone, thus guaranteeing the neutrality of the vessels.

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