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DEFICIT IN POSTAL SERVICE

Loss on Second-Class Mail and Rural Service.

HITCHCOCK MAKES HIS REPORT

Sets Forth in Detail Problems That Have Confronted His Administration.

Washington, Special.—Confronted with a deficit of $17,479,770, the present administration of the Postoffice Department began its opeartions. This wa sthe largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually, little attention was paid to it; but when, in the last few years it leaped to upward of $10,000,000 and finally, in 1909, exceeded $17,000,000, "ordinary business prudence suggested that the causes be definitely located.

These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, recently made public. The Postmaster-General said in part:

"Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery.

"The loss on second-class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to $64,000,000.

"The loss from rural delivery, a sreviee begun hardly a dozen year ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as $28,000,000.

"Simultaneously with the growing deficit in the postal service, the nation's income suffered last year a serious depletion incident to the financial depression. Thus it happened that the department's drafts on the Treasury were heaviest at a time when the public funds were lowest. This has accentuated the importance of the postal deficit, making it conspicuous among the losses to be met by the President's plan of reducing expenditures in all executive departments.

"Since the opening of the administration the Postmaster Genearl and his assistants have adopted measures in conformity with the President's policy of retrenchment, and these measures are being put into effect."

WINTER GRIPS NEW ENGLAND.

Bitter Weather Ushered in With a Storm of Terrible Force.

New York, Special.—Tragedy and humor came on the wings of the heavy snow which covered New England, most of the middle Atlantic States and a fringe of the middle West and South. Sunday morning paper at at twilight, morning milk at supper time, night spent in street cars, in trains or stations contributed picturesque and amusing scenes to soften the general tone of such deaths as occurred.

Two peculiar tidal waves added bizarre features. At Boston water crept into the houses, left a man and wife and child dead in bed, then crept away. Cellars were flooded in New York by a wave of less gigantic proportions.

At Philadelphia snow fell 16 inches here, which completely tied up steam and trolley traffic for hours.

Meets Sudden Death While at Bath.

Redding, Conn., Special.—Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically while at bath. She was his yougest daughter, endeared to him not only by long companionship but by her frail health caused by recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Dr. Clemens without kin in this country to share his sorrow. Jean Clemens died probably of strangulation dut to an attack of epilepsy, due to and attack of eplepsy, or from heart failure. The body was found in the bath tub with the head partly submerged.

Death Saves Sheldon.

Greenwich, Conn., Special.—George Preston Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phenix (Fire) Insurance Company of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the State Insurance Depatrment of New York, died at his home here.

Zelaya Flees to Corinto.

Corinto, Nicaragua, By Cable.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who relinquished the presidency of Nicarauga to Dr. Jose Madriz—the same day his army met defeat by the revolutionistas at Rama—has fled the capital and is said to be in Corinto, surrounded by his body guard and a few faithful friends. Zelaya departed from Managua under cover of darkness escorted by fifty of his guard of honor, and a squad of artillerymen with a maxim gun. A later report says he is bound for Belgium, his wife's native land.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

SHOW HEALTHY GROWTH.

Commissioner Shipman's Figures on State Factories.

Raleigh, Special.—Labor Commissioner Shipman has given out some facts regarding miscellaneous factories, saying that these are rapidly being put on a substantial basis and that there is an absence of mushroom growth; that few new factories have reported, but conditions show stable progress. The aggregate capital reported by 596 factories is $34,956,344, and 97 failed to report capital stock. Six hundred and fifty-one factories report power used as follows: 434 steam, 111 electric, 26 water, 24 hand, 23 gasoline. These employ 152,747 horsepower and 525 factories report that 86,538 persons are dependent upon them for a living.

Four-fifths of the factories say 10 hours is a day's work. A fourth of all report an increase of wages; 5 per cent a decrease. The number of persons employed is 26,234 men, 3,974 women, 1,355 children. Forty-two per cent. report improvement in in genearl proficiency of employes, and 41 per cent. report improvement in general proficiency o femployes. Three-fourths of the factories do not employ union labor.

Dukes to Build Cotton Mills.

Charlotte, Special.—It is announced here that the Dukes largely interested in the Southern Power Company, have planned for the building of a score or more of big cotton mills in this section, and along the Catawba where the power company's extensive hydro-electric development makes it exteremly easy to secure cheap power for the operation of cotton mills. This report, if correct, means that many millions will be expended in the cotton milling industry during the next few years in and about Charlotte.

To Stand Medical Tests.

Raleigh, Special.—The blanks have been sent out to all county superintendents of public instruction for the examinations of eyes, ears, noses and throats of pupils, which under the new law has to be done by a physician, whose reports are made to the principal of each school. With these blanks have gone out very carefully prepared pamphlets giving all the information on these subjects and also informing teachers of their duties in these matters.

Wealthy Citizen Found Dead.

Newbern, Special.—J. H. Pipkin, a prominent citizen of Pamlico county, was found dead in a field not far from his home. Mr. Pipkin went duck hunting last Friday and as he did not return that night search was made for him, but not until Sunday morning was the body found. There is every indication that he died a natural death. Mr. Pipkin was a wealthy farmer and lumberman and was worth from $50,000 to $75,000 He leaves a wife and seven children.

Sues For His Possessions.

Asheville, Special.—Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans has instituted suit and arest and bail proceedings in the United States circuit court against R. J. Wooley and Cratten Whitaker of Henderson county to obtain possession of 204 3-8 acres of land near Flat Rock. He is also asking for $500 damages by reason of alleged occupany of the barns, stables, etc., after possession, he claims, should have been given him October 15.

Prospect of a Shipbuilding Plant.

Elizabeth City, Special.—Mr. C. L. Hunt, a prominent financier of Troy, N. Y., has been here looking over water locations with the view of establishing a shipbuilding plant.

Built First Confederate Battery.

Wilmington, Special.—Major Chas. F. Bolles, a Confederate veteran and the engineer who built the first battery and laid out the plan of fortification which withstood such terrific bombardment by the Federal fleet in the Civil War, is dead, aged 86. He was the last surviving member of the staff of Gen. W. H. C. Whiting.

Champion Hog-Raisers.

Wadesboro, Special.—Wadesboro has some champion hog-raisers. W. T. Brower reports one weighing 605 pounds, Rufus T. Morton killed two weighing 535 and 460 respectively. Dr. J. T. Boyette reports a 14-months-old pig killed recently weighing 375 pounds.

New Oil Company.

Raleigh, Special.—A charter has been granted the Lee County Cotton Oil Company, Sanford, authorized capital stock $50,000.

LATEST NEWS. BY WIRE.

Washington Town Goes Wet.

Walla Walla, Wash.—After an exciting campaign Walla Walla voted wet by a majority of 622.

Town Hall Burned.

Leominster, Mass.—Fire destroyed the Town Hall and opera house, causing a loss of $150,000.

"Wets" Increase Majority.

North Adams, Mass.—This city voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor by a majority of 258, the largest recorded for license here in recent years. Mayor John H. Waterhouse was re-elected.

Ex-Preacher Sentenced as Swindler.

Los Angeles, Cal—Charles Wesley McCrossan, formerly a preacher in Los Angeles, convicted of making false representations in the prospectus of a mining company of which he was president, was sentenced to pay a fine of $4000 or to serve one year in jail. McCrossan said he would pay the fine.

Falsely Arrested, Gets $500.

Marco, Mo.—A judgment for $500 was given to Mrs. Cynthia Lucas, sixty-three, against Daniel Bruner, as damages, because Bruner had Mrs. Lucas unjustly arrested, charged with stealing a chicken worth fifty cents.

Corset Saves Woman's Life.

Chicago.—A corset steel saved the life of Miss Ethel Eitelhuber, when a shot was fired through a bedroom window in her home at night. The shades were drawn, but as Miss Eitelhuber was standing near the window her shadow on the curtain gave an excellent mark.

Judge Accused of Forgery.

Boston.—A warrant charging forgery for $5000 was issued for the arrest of Darius L. V. Moffett, an attorney of this city, and formerly Judge of the Kentucky Circuit Court, who has been missing for a week.

Left $150,000 to Cincinnati.

Cincinnati.—William M. Ampt, an attorney, known as "Citizen" Ampt, who died here, bequeathed his entire estate of $150,000 to the city of Cincinnati for concerts for the people. The estate is to be held by his widow during her lifetime.

"Dry" Victory in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man.—As a result of the local option vote in Manitoba, eighteen counties were added to the seventy which previously voted "dry." There are fifty counties which still remain "wet."

Chicago Bread Law Valid.

Springfield, Ill.—The Illinois Supreme Court here declared that a city council of Chicago has a right to pass an ordinance specifying the size and weight of a loaf of bread, the conditions under which it must be made and that it is the duty of the baker to provide scales so that a customer may inform himself of the exact weight of the loaf.

Deer Killed by a Train.

North Adams, Mass.—The fourth deer in four days was killed by a Boston and Maine Railroad train at the eastern portal of Hoosac Tunnel. More than thirty deer have been killed at this point within three years, and it is thought that the railroad tracks cross a deer trail between Massachusetts and Vermont.

"Typhoid Carrier" May Enter Army.

Norfolk, Va.—Henry Harrison Comstock, the Norfolk dairyman debarred by the local authorities as a carrier of typhoid germs, went to Baltimore to submit to expert medical examination there. Comstock, who came from Paris, Ill., and served in the United States Army, says that, being unable to find other work, he will be forced to re-enlist.

BY CABLE.

Chile's Cabinet Resigns.

Santiago, Chile.—The Cabinet formed on September 12 with Ismael Tocornal as Premier and Minister of the Interior, has resigned.

Smallpox Epidemic in Amoy.

Amoy, China.—The officials of the American Marine Hospital announce the presence of a smallpox epidemic here. Quarantine regulations have been inaugurated.

Herbert Gladstone For South Africa.

London.—The report that Herbert Gladstone, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, would be appointed Governor-General of United South Africa was officially confirmed.

Think Mme. Gouin Was Slain.

Paris.—The police have decided that Mme. Gouin, widow of the governor of the Bank of France, and whose body was found under a train near this city recently, was murdered in an apartment of the train.

Increase Robber's Sentence.

Paris.—The Court of Appeals has confirmed the conviction of Allaix on the charge of having robbed Mrs. William Bartels, of Chicago, in her apartments here last April, and increased his four years' sentence to five years.

TWO MINING ACCIDENTS

Gas Explosion Kills Eight, Nitro-Glycerine One.

Open Lamps Carried by Party of Employes Caused a Fearful Catastrophe—Black Damp Dangers.

Herrin, Ill.—Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in Mine A of the Chicago and Cartersville Coal Company here. Open lamps carried by employes of the mine are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and all are dead.

Within five minutes of the first reports of the explosion the miners in the neighborhood of the accident were started toward the surface, and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to where the catastrophe occurred.

The dead are: W. T. Pierce, mine engineer; Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant manager; unidentified boy about sixteen years old; George Snyder, miner; Salvatore Greeco, miner; Pietro Romeo, laborer, and Thomas Harber, miner.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings.

After sending to the surface three unconscious persons the rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Greeco and Romeo.

The efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing banks of after-damp, and they were forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions.

Hurt and Killed in Explosion.

Louisiana, Mo. — One man was killed and six injured in a terrific explosion of 1080 pounds of nitro-glycerine in the Hercules powder plant, near Ashburn and about eight miles from this city.

The explosive was being carried from one building to another in a heavy farm wagon drawn by two mules and driven by Ollie Pugate. Of man, mules and wagon not so much as a fragment or a splinter has been found. Of those who escaped with injuries not one was standing nearer than 300 yards to the scene of the accident.

Small buildings near by were almost blown away, all the railroad tracks in the plant were torn up and displaced, and there was not a house within a radius of half a mile that had a single pane of glass left unbroken.

GIRL SHOPLIFTER YEARS OLD.

Arrested Three Times, She Escapes From Industrial School.

St. Louis, Mo.—A girl eight years old, dimpled, blue eyed and pretty, is held by the police as "the baby shoplifter."

She is Annie Pavlinski, daughter of Frank Pavlinski. She has been arrested three times for theft; has spent two weeks in the Industrial School, and escaped; has run away from home dozens of times.

She was found asleep in a hallway, scantily clad and blue with cold. A policeman took her to the matron of the Carr street police station, where it was learned she had run away from home, after rifling her brother's pockets of $1.50.

Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of toys worth sixty cents. She was arrested, but the proprietor refused to prosecute.

TIRED OF JAP. HUSBAND.

Clergyman's Daughter Yearns to Return to His Protection.

San Francisco, Cal.—An appeal for permission to return to the home and protection of her father, Archdeacon Emery, has been made by Mrs. Gunjiro Acki.

Unable longer to endure the treatment of her Nipponese husband, the young woman, Helen Emery, has written from the little cottage on the shore of Lake Washington asking forgiveness and begging to resume her place at his side with her six-months-old child.

The Archdeacon left for Seattle a few days ago, and it is understood that he will bring his daughter and her infant back with him.

GRANDSON FOR MILLIONAIRES.

Boy Will Inherit $75,000,000 From McLean and Walsh.

Washington, D. C.—John R. McLean and Thomas F. Walsh, multi-millionaires, were both made grandfathers by the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, the latter formerly Miss Evelyn Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean, the parents of the baby, are the only children of the muti-millionaires, and the little newcomer thus is heir to the combined McLean and Walsh fortunes, estimated at $75,000,000.

From New York to Chicago.

The Moore-Reid clique acquired control of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. This is said to mean a new trunk line from New York to Chicago.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Christmas mail was heavier in every department than in 1908.

Princess Louise has begun a legal battle for a large share of King Leopold's estate.

An operation with the use of stovaine was successfully performed in Auburn, N. Y.

The Temps, of Paris, paid a high tribute to the political and moral creed of Theodore Roosevelt.

Shore leave was granted to the jackies of the battleships of the North Atlantic fleet in New York City.

Belgian Socialists issued a manifesto refusing to swear allegiance to Albert as King and declaring for a republic.

Steamship Nano arrived in New York harbor after a 2100-mile voyage up the Amazon River, reaching the foothills of the Andes.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, sought an injunction against rival publishers for protection of his five-foot-shelf-of-books plan.

Collector Loeb, of New York City, approved the claim of Richard Parr, former special Treasury agent, for the sugar fraud prize money, which may amount to $1,000,000.

The American Bankers' Association took its detective work away from the Pinkertons and gave it to William J. Burns because the former demanded a long-time contract.

An effort was made to claim the throne of Belgium for the five-year-old Duke of Turvuevin, son of the late King Leopold and the Baroness Vaughan, who were married in Italy a year ago.

An important contribution to American history is found in the volume which closes the series of manuscripts printed from British archives; it covers chiefly the evacuation of New York in 1783.

Well Known Builder Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—George Moore, one of the best known builder and contractors in the South, died here. He had built a number of government buildings.

Bryan Gone to Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Wm. J. Bryan has gone to Cuba, later going to South America. His health is much improved.

Candidates For McLaurin's Place.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—Formal announcements were made last Saturday that C. H. Alexander, former Governor J. K. Vardaman and Congressman F. S. Candler, Jr., will be candidates for the unexpired term of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin.

Plan Canal Exposition.

New Orleans, Special.—An exposition will be held in New Orleans to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal.

From Cloverdale, Ind., comes the startling news that a lawyer-editor there has been shot while in commission of burglary. Any journalist readily perceives, comments the Philadelphia Ledger, that the legal end of the Indianian's dual equipment was in the ascendency during the painful episode.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

James B. McGregor celebrated his 108th birthday at North Newport, N. H.

Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, is dead.

Mayor-elect Gaynor spoke at the dedication of an annex to the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

Joseph Fislinger, a church organist, was killed when an automobile turned turtle in Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Young Jay Gould did not testify in the Hero-Zelaya breach of promise suit, but sensational letters were read.

President Taft attended the Yale corporation meeting in New Haven and was a guest at a luncheon and a banquet.

Magistrate Barlow, New York City, praised the advocacy of more stringent laws licensing chauffeurs and automobiles.

Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, predicted large exports of reindeer meat and grain from that region in a few years.

Governor Hughes returned to Albany from New York City, where, with his family, he attended the burial service of his father.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock is an eligible bachelor, and is devoting much more time than of yore to pink teas and other social functions.

The election campaign has brought out Jerome K. Jerome, who addressed the workingmen at Marlow, England, strongly for the Liberals.

Fred D. Counties, the new president of the Chicago Stock Exchange, is the youngest president the organization ever had. He is thirty-seven years old.

President Taft, in a letter to the New York Endowment Fund Committee, urged co-operation in the movement to endow the American Red Cross.

AN EXCEPTION.

First Legislator—Let's have a drink.

Second Legislator—I thought you had sworn off.

First Legislator—This one is under suspension of rules.—New York Press.

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