

DOES PARCEL POST HURT COUNTRY MERCHANT?

CONGRESSMAN KINDEL THINKS IT DOES THAT VERY THING, AND TELLS WHY.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Have the big mail order houses of the United States finally secured the advantage they desired in the matter of parcel post rates—an advantage discriminatory against the country merchant that framers of the parcel post law assumed the people would not be possible? From statements made to the postmaster general by Representative Kindel, who claims to have made a life study of transportation rates, the big mail order houses have found a way to do just what congress intended they should not do—secure cheap transportation of bulky commodities to enable these big concerns to successfully compete with and undersell the country merchant.

Illustrating the plan proposed to be put in operation, Representative Kindel calls attention to fact that the three largest mail order houses in the United States are located in Chicago; these three concerns ship thousands of packages daily to points west of the Missouri river, and it is these three big houses the country merchant fears. These concerns will establish an agent on each line of road leading from Chicago, located just within the local parcel post zone.

All packages intended for parties beyond the limits of the first zone will be mailed by parcel post to the agent located at the limit of the local zone, who will merely have to paste another address, sent him from Chicago, on the package, together with the postage required to carry it to the next local zone limit. This will be repeated as often as a new zone is reached—and the saving on the thousands of packages sent daily will amount to a big sum—and the big mail order houses will be thus enabled to reach their customers anywhere with a parcel post rate approximately one-third that of the through rate between Chicago and the western Rocky mountain region, for example. The average citizen, however, not having the means of re-mailing his few packages in the same manner, must pay the larger rate.

Opposition to a parcel post law—at least the only opposition congress paid any attention to—came from the country merchant and his friends, who feared that a low rate would enable the big mail order houses to conduct a ruinous competition. This objection was finally met by the zone system—a cheap rate for the local zone, to enable the country merchant to send his wares cheaply within his own territory, and a graduated increase in rates to prevent the Chicago and New York mail order houses from enjoying the benefits of the lowered charges. Under the plan of re-mailing at the limit of each local zone, this protection to the country merchant diminishes to an appreciable degree and makes it possible for the big mail order houses to do the very thing that the framers of the law thought they had successfully prevented.

SHERIFF DECRIES NEED OF AN "ALIMONY CLUB"

New York, Jan. 3.—The "Alimony club" which has given a new twist to jail in this city celebrity of a sort is an unnecessary club, according to Max Griffhagen, New York county's sheriff. He intimated today that he would seek not only the disbandment of the "club" which at present comprises less than a dozen husbands whose wives have them locked up for failure to pay alimony, but would take measures to abolish the jail itself, if that were possible.

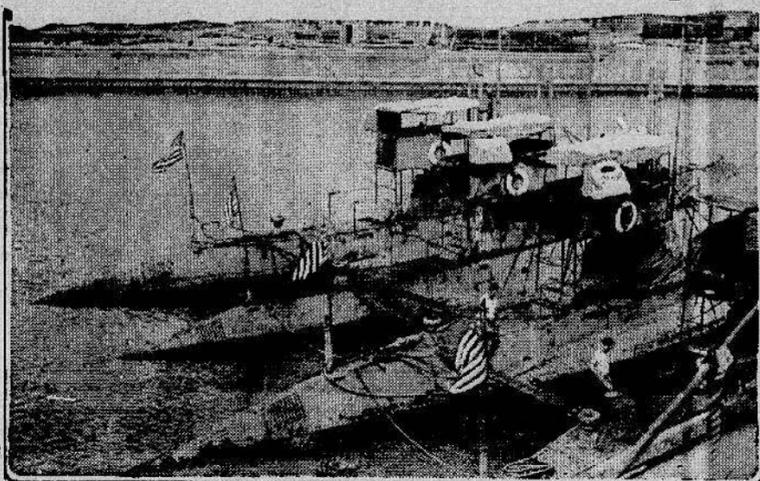
RUMOR OF POPE'S END EXCITES ROME DEEPLY

Rome, Jan. 3.—A rumor which spread rapidly tonight throughout the city that the pope was dead caused intense excitement for a time. The Vatican was overwhelmed with inquiries, but at that very hour the pope was quietly conversing with Cardinal Basilio Pompili, who had not long before congratulated the pontiff on his vigorous appearance.

The police learned the rumor was the work of a so-called practical joker who had telephoned to a friend at one of the big hotels that he knew the pope was dead.

FREE OSTEOPATHIC CLINICS. The osteopathic physicians of the city will treat without charge children needing care whose parents are unable to pay for same, if they will appear at rooms 321 and 322, First National bank building, Mondays, from 4 to 5 and Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8.—Adv.

Submarines for the Panama Canal



SUBMARINE FLOTILLA TO GUARD PACIFIC ENTRANCE TO CANAL.

Colon, Panama, Jan. 3.—Five submarine boats, the advance guard for the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal, have arrived at Colon and are now at the new concrete docks there in readiness to pass through. Their

business on the Pacific side will be that of "defense" which is expected to be wholly a formal and ornamental function.

The men assigned to them will remain on duty for the customary period of tropical service, which others will be detailed in their places. These five boats went from Guantanamo, Cuba. They made the run under their own power. It was the longest sea trip ever accomplished by submarines. These were conveyed on the way by a collier and the monitor Mohawk, but needed no help. Both of the convoys are now anchored with them at Colon.

EARLE'S ESCAPADE BRINGS ARREST IN NORWAY

AMERICAN ARTIST HELD FOR KIDNAPING YOUNG SON FROM FRENCH TOWN.

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 3.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the American artist, has been brought here under arrest on the charge of abducting his 8-year-old son, Harold, from a school at La Motte Beuron, France. The boy's mother is Mrs. Marie Fischbacher, who was Earle's first wife.

Earle and Miss Charlotte Herman of Rutherford, N. J., known also as "Mrs. Evans," who is alleged to have assisted Earle in the abduction, were arrested several days ago at Trøien in the interior of Norway, by a French detective, Huard, who had been tracking them since last November. They have been placed in jail and will be treated as ordinary prisoners until extradition papers arrive from Paris.

The boy Harold is on his way to France in charge of H. C. L. Steg, the French minister to Norway. The American legation is watching Earle's interests.

In a statement Earle said that since his flight from Paris he has been residing in different parts of Norway, occasionally assuming a new name. He declined to give his motive for the abduction of the boy, saying he would reserve his explanation for the French courts. But it is understood he was inspired by an irresistible desire to see his son, whom he had not seen since babyhood. Earle, smiling with apparent happiness, said that the boy had learned to love him in the last three months, and would never forget him.

GIRLS, STOP WASHING THE HAIR WITH SOAP

SOAP DRIES YOUR SCALP, CAUSING DANDRUFF, THEN HAIR FALLS OUT. After washing your hair with soap always apply a little Danderine to the scalp to invigorate the hair and prevent dryness. Better still, use soap as sparingly as possible, and instead have a "Danderine Hair Cleanse." Just moisten a cloth with Danderine and draw it carefully through your hair, taking one strand at a time. This will remove dust, dirt and excessive oil. In a few moments you will be amazed, your hair will not only be clean, but it will be wavy, fluffy and abundant, and possess an incomparable softness and lustre.

Resides cleansing and beautifying the hair, one application of Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; stimulates the scalp, stops itching and falling hair. Danderine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating and life-giving properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

Men! Ladies! You can surely have lots of charming hair. Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it.—Adv.

MASS MEETING CALLED.

Anacosta, Jan. 3.—(Special)—There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Anacosta tomorrow evening to adopt resolutions demanding a congressional investigation of the copper strike. The Anacosta Amsterdams' union last evening donated \$500 to the general fund for the afflicted ones in the Christmas day accident in Italian hall in Calumet.

COURT RESORTED TO TO GET LICENSE TO MARRY

MILWAUKEE MAN ASKS FOR WRIT TO COMPEL CLERK TO ISSUE THE PAPER.

Milwaukee, Jan. 3.—Application for a writ of mandamus to compel County Clerk L. G. Widale to issue a marriage license to Alfred A. Peterson without the submission of a medical certificate as demanded by the exigencies law, will be presented early next week, the attorney for Peterson said today. That the measure is unreasonable and unjust exercise of police powers it will be contended and further it is class legislation, in that it demands something from the man with no corresponding assurance to him of the absence of disease in the woman. For a third cause, the lawyer for Peterson will set forth that the law discriminating against physicians under 30 years of age, the majority of them being capable and if anything better qualified for the reason that they have received later and more advanced medical teachings than older men.

A foreigner was refused a license along with two other prospective bridegrooms today. He refused to undergo the physical examination and went to an attorney, where he secured a statement, which after he and his prospective bride affixed their signatures, will make them common law man and wife, according to a Wisconsin statute. He said he had received a hall for the wedding and no exigent law was "going to spoil the event."

TWO GOOD GUESSES.

Hamilton, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The dressed beef, which has hung in Sid Wheeler's market window for the past week was weighed yesterday and tipped the beam at 87 1/2 pounds. Two guessers were tied at \$22 pounds each.

MUCH BEEF IMPORTED UNDER FREE TARIFF

Washington, Jan. 3.—The placing of beef on the tariff free list has resulted in a vast increase in the importation of foreign beef and meat products. During October and November, the department of agriculture reported today, 18,000,000 pounds of meat and its products were brought from abroad. This is more than triple the amount imported for the whole of 1912. The foreign beef and meat products are being rightly inspected by the agents of the bureau of animal industry, who during the two months condemned 1,800 pounds.

Nearly half of the imports, or 8,000,000 pounds, came from Canada. Argentine supplied 6,000,000 pounds, Australia 3,000,000 and Uruguay, 550,000.

During the two months 290,000 head of cattle from Canada and Mexico were imported.

ONE OF SHIP'S CREW IS ENGLISH NOBLEMAN

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Signed as a member of the crew, Lord Richard Farrer Harschell, one of the six lords in waiting to King George V., arrived here today from South America on the German oil tanker Prometheus. Lord Harschell was eager to get away on the first boat from Talara, and in order to obtain accommodations on the Prometheus it was necessary for him to become nominally one of the crew. He is on a trip around the world for the benefit of his health.

DANIELS DECLARES VICE ADMIRALS ARE NEEDED

NECESSARY TO PLACE OUR OFFICERS ON EQUALITY WITH FOREIGN OFFICERS.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"This nation does not desire vice admirals in order to take precedence over officers of other navies," Secretary Daniels said today, "but rather to place our officers on an equality with foreign officers. Several instances have occurred which showed the urgent necessity for this rank in our dealings with other navies."

Mr. Daniels further discussing his proposal to ask congress to create the rank of vice admiral pointed out that at present vessels of three of the United States fleets were in positions where it would be greatly to American advantage to have vice admirals in command.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT ENGAGED TO MARRY

Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—Miss Belle Willard and Kermit Roosevelt are engaged. The news was received here today in personal letters from Madrid, Spain, to friends of Ambassador Willard. It is expected the wedding of the daughter of the ambassador to the son of the ex-president will take place in the spring in this city, the home of the Willards.

Miss Willard, Kermit Roosevelt and his sister, Mrs. Richard Derby, were guests of the Willards on a long motor trip through Virginia and ending at Hot Springs a little more than a year ago. Miss Willard was one of the guests last winter at the wedding in New York of Ethel Roosevelt to Richard Derby, but the romance of the Virginia girl and the bride's brother was not suspected.

DEAD IN DEER LODGE IS HANSON OF HUSON

Deer Lodge, Jan. 3.—(Special)—John Hanson of Huson, Mont., died here tonight at St. Joseph's hospital, after a long illness. Mr. Hanson was an old-time Milwaukee railroad section foreman and was well known in western Montana. He leaves three sons, Alfred E., John and Oscar, and a daughter, Mrs. Katie Jones. The funeral will be held in Deer Lodge at 2 p. m. Monday and interment will be made in the Deer Lodge cemetery.

These pictures about people walking back to New York ain't true to life. "Thinking not?" "Walking back from New York would be more like it."

Advertisement for Orient-India Cruise. 93 DAYS to MADEIRA, SPAIN, ALGERIA, GREECE, the HOLY LAND, EGYPT, INDIA AND CEYLON. By the S. S. CLEVELAND (17,000 TONS) Leave NEW YORK, JAN. 15, 1914. COST includes shore excursions and all necessary expenses. Excellent accommodations also available on this cruise for passage to MADEIRA, SPAIN, ALGIERS, ITALY and EGYPT only, cost of shore excursions included. Write for booklet containing full information. HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE 310 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

IN SEVENTY DAYS PANAMA CANAL MAY OPEN

HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BELIEVE BIG DITCH WILL BE READY THEN.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Panama canal will be in condition to pass vessels all the way across the isthmus within the next 70 days, it was learned today, unless some unexpected obstacle is encountered. This is the judgment of a high canal official.

The only remaining obstacles to prevent the passage of vessels at this moment are at the slide which block the cut at Colaba and the few additional slides of relatively minor importance in the same locality. The dredging is progressing satisfactorily on these slides and as soon as a channel of sufficient width and depth is established it will be possible to pass vessels through from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In view of the uncertain conditions surrounding the work it has been deemed impracticable to attempt to fix a date for the opening of the canal. Even after a passage is possible several months might be spent in training the operating force before the waterway is opened to commerce.

TEST IS DISCOVERED FOR BAD FOOD EATERS

IF A PERSON HAS PARTAKEN OF CONTAMINATED STUFF IT CAN BE FOUND OUT.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—Discovery of a test whereby it is possible to ascertain whether a person has eaten contaminated food, was announced today by Dr. Charles W. Stiles, United States public health service, in an address before the zoology section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Stiles said he considered the discovery of more importance than that which revealed the hookworm as "the germ of laziness."

"This far," Dr. Stiles said, "the direct agency of the fly in the contamination of food can be demonstrated in any community. Anywhere that the fly exists, this test can be applied to warn the people against the insect menace. While the test itself has no medical value, it affords a simple but convincing demonstration which cannot be ignored."

Warning against "fake radium cancer cures" was voiced by Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, in his address to the chemistry section of the association. He said that because of the wonderful cures effected by application of cancer of radium, "quack" cures, there had sprung up a host of impostors and quacks who are foisting alleged cures on the public under the misrepresentation that they contained radium.

"Since there are now less than two grams of radium in the United States, and it is valued at \$2,000 a gram, these claims scarcely are plausible." Results accomplished in curing cancer through the use of radium were described by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief of the division of mineralogy in the government bureau of mines. He exhibited several photographs showing the results of radium treatment for cancer.

MANY DECISIONS EXPECTED.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A prolonged secret conference of the justices of the supreme court today was accepted as an assurance of the announcement of many decisions on Monday. About 100 cases are awaiting decision, a few such as the international rate cases, having been under consideration all summer.

Women and Wet Feet. Cold and wet feet are a dangerous combination especially to women, and congested kidneys often result. Backache, urinary irregularities and rheumatic fevers are not unusual results. Foley Kidney Pills restore the regular and normal action of kidneys and bladder and remove the cause of the trouble. Contain no habit forming drugs. Missoula Drug Co.—Adv.

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CAMINETTI WOULD HOLD DOWN ALIENS WOULD TREASURY OFFICERS HAVE MORE FAITH IN TARIFF

THINKS THERE SHOULD BE MORE RESTRICTION ON ORIENTAL IMMIGRANTS. THEY NOW BELIEVE FALLING OFF IN RECEIPTS WILL BE LESS THAN ANTICIPATED.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Positive recommendations will be made by the bureau of immigration for the further restriction of certain kinds of oriental immigration.

A. Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, returned to Washington today from an extended official trip to immigration stations on the Pacific coast. He phoned at once to the preparation of his annual report, which will submit some important recommendations, particularly with regard to the tide of oriental immigration that is tending in the direction of the United States.

"It is not my purpose," he said today, "to direct my recommendations to any particular people, but it is manifest that many orientals now are getting into this country unlawfully. This is particularly true of the so-called albatross who customarily come to this country to obtain an education. Many of them, I am satisfied, are merely laborers who come here in the guise of students."

"On the Pacific coast the admission to the country of Hindus has become a serious problem. I am convinced that scores, perhaps hundreds, have gotten in surreptitiously and have no lawful right here."

Commissioner Caminetti probably will recommend that an extensive patrol force be established on the northern border from the Cascade mountains to the ocean and on the southern border from Arizona to the sea. It will be his effort to cooperate with the customs service on both borders not only to prevent the smuggling of immigrants, but of opium.

ABOUT THE STATE

Judge Lew Callaway of Madison county has formed a law partnership with Charles N. Gray of Port Benton and the new firm will open offices in Great Falls.

Hardin, Blaine county, has voted to issue bonds for the construction of adequate water works, the present system being too small.

The Great Northern has established regular train service over the line from Power to Benning.

It is announced that a new cement plant will be in operation at Gardiner in the spring.

Beginning February 1, all the concentrating of Anaconda company ores will be done at the Washoe smelter in the spring.

Pat and the Shovel. (Exchange) While in Boston a while ago I went over to East Boston on the ferry. There was a steam shovel at work out in the harbor, and I was standing watching it. Suddenly I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned around to find a son of Erin standing there. "Say," said he, "don't this a wonderful country? By gorry, now, just look at that thing rolf' down there now. Look at it. Isn't that wonderful? But say, old man, I wouldn't want to be the guy at the bottom filling that thing up, would ye?"

WHAT HE WANTED. A stalwart young German applied for a position on a farm. As he walked into the barn he addressed the farmer: "Hey, mister, will you job me?" "Will I what?" "Will you job me? Make me work yet?" "Oh, I see; you want a job," said the farmer. "Well, how much do you want a month?" "I tell you, if you eat me on der farm—come for five dollars, but for twenty-five dollars I eat myself at Schmidt's."—National Food Magazine.

A "Society for the Instruction of Eugenics" recently founded in New York already has 200 members.