

PARCEL POST EQUAL TO BIG TEST HERE

Rush of Christmas Mail Falls to Swamp Men in New Post Office Service.

Thousands of Heavy Packages Sent Quickly to Their Destinations.

The parcel post is having its first big test and there is the word of Postmaster Edward Morgan and E. M. Morris, superintendent of this division of the railway mail service, that it is coming through with flying colors.

There is no congestion in or around New York city, there is no congestion on mail trains incoming or outgoing and there is a strong belief that there will be none during the trying Monday and Tuesday that are to come.

Mr. Morgan said yesterday that so far as New York city is concerned his men would be able to handle the thousands of tons of mail and parcels coming to them on the next few days without any considerable delay.

Every station is "getting it up," as the Postmaster says, and the Post Office is being kept busy by the incoming and outgoing mail.

Those two steamships brought in 11,000 packages of mail of all classes. There were 2,000 separate packages of parcel post, which means packages larger than flat packages which contain handkerchiefs, gloves and other small articles.

All that passed through the Hudson Terminal station and every last one of them was out of the station by yesterday morning.

Position impossible where it is physically possible to handle the parcel post.

"The country has been divided into 100 terminal centers in the various important mail centers in New York city, for instance, the Pennsylvania Railroad is a terminal; so is the Grand Central, the Lackawanna at Hoboken, the Erie, the Jersey Central, Staten Island and Long Island.

"Outside the city Albany is another terminal, so are Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia, of course, Harrisburg and other distributing points.

"Each terminal works through another in two ways. One is by direct pouches and the other by indirect pouches. To illustrate: If in the city of a terminal district there is sufficient mail to justify separate pouches each terminal makes up direct to that city. For other towns or cities of the district which do not call for direct pouches the parcels are sent direct to the terminal, where they are distributed.

"Troy is in the Albany district, but receives direct pouches from New York. For some parcels outside the parcels go first to Albany. It clears from all terminals for that particular place. We have then only the two operations in New York, which so simplifies things that we are able to distribute everything.

"I do not want to boast, but at the Pennsylvania terminal here we have an experienced force. I do not believe it would be possible to swamp this crew. They are expert, and if you watch them for a while while you will agree with me. Considering the fact they have only been organizing since December 10 the Grand Central crew is a marvel. Philadelphia has been organized since the 10th of this month and they are getting through all right. Harrisburg came into existence on December 1. If these men are able to do this now what will they be able to do when they have had another year's experience?"

"We think that the Western and Southern rush has passed the zenith, and we are now waiting for the nearby parcels, which will come on Monday and Tuesday. That will be heavy, but it will not be so heavy as we feared several months ago. The Department has the public to thank. They did do their Christmas shopping early this year and they did save us an awful lot of trouble. I am a judge of that when I tell you that the rush during the last week of September was as heavy as it was the week before Christmas last year. That is a fact. They sent their presents to distant points that early and saved us at the month hour.

"Every mail carrying train leaving New York is now going out with extra storage cars, with extra cars, of course, sometimes two or three of them. The storage cars are those in which we place the 'direct pouches' I spoke of; the others are the ordinary cars where the mail must be worked for distribution by the clerks. The men who had this had not only his Cleveland terminal pouches but several dozen direct for the large cities. The packages of all shapes and sizes were flying into the rate of forty a minute by actual count.

The San Francisco man next to him was sending them in fully as fast. Kansas and twenty-seven other States were getting their Christmas packages, and the pouches were shooting out to the train platforms faster than anybody but an expert would care to count.

MISSISSIPPI AIR TO CURE WILSON'S COLD

President and Members of Family to Start for Pass Christian on Tuesday.

OLD MANSION IS ENGAGED Will Get a Noisy Welcome, but Afterward Quiet Rest Will Be Assured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson will spend his three weeks vacation at Pass Christian, Miss. It was announced at the White House today. Senator Vardaman of Mississippi has undertaken to secure a suitable cottage for the Wilson family, as well as to see to it that the residents of the resort are impressed with the President's desire for quiet and privacy.

Mr. Wilson probably will leave some time on Tuesday, provided the currency bill can be placed before him for his signature by that time. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson, his daughters, and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician. Dr. Grayson will make it his purpose to drive away the last traces of the unpleasant cold which has preyed upon the President's strength in the last two weeks.

At Pass Christian, Mr. Wilson will find a good golf course, where he can indulge in his favorite sport. A White House automobile will be sent ahead for his use over the shell roads of the Mississippi Gulf coast.

Senator Vardaman said today: "The President will find as his neighbors some of the best people of Mississippi. While these people will be glad to extend to him in the fullest their hospitality, he may be sure that they will not try to intrude upon his privacy. They will treat him like a private citizen, as he likes to be treated. Also he will not be molested by cranks down there."

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 20.—It was definitely settled today that President Wilson and family will occupy the Herndon home during their three weeks stay at this resort. Miss M. Alice Herndon, who has conducted the house for the last nine years, is to remain and keep house for the party.

The house is one of the most imposing in the fashionable section of the town. The building was erected in 1854 by John Barker of New Orleans, who after occupying it for a number of years sold it to George Jones, then president of the Canal Bank of New Orleans.

Its next owner was the late Gen. W. S. Harney of Indian fighting fame, and a veteran of both the Mexican and civil wars. During the occupancy by Gen. Harney many prominent persons were guests therein, including Col. Edward George Washington Butler and his wife, the latter being a niece of Nellie Custis.

MRS. HALLIDAY WINS DIVORCE

Architect's Wife Aided in Suit by Other Woman in Case.

Mrs. Ada Halliday, wife of Walter I. Halliday, formerly an architect of New York city, was plaintiff in an action for divorce from her husband, heard by Justice Garretson in the Queens county Supreme Court at Long Island City yesterday. The Hallidays were married at Jamaica in 1908.

A year ago Halliday disappeared. Mrs. Halliday did not discover his whereabouts until July of last year and then she found him living with a young woman at 99 Troy avenue, Brooklyn. A child had recently been born to this woman. When Detective Dennis Killane arrested Halliday the young woman first discovered that he was married.

The young woman, Miss Ethel Westhead, who is living with her parents at 92 Stone avenue, Brooklyn, testified against Halliday, and Justice Garretson ordered an interlocutory decree of divorce.

ACCUSED OF HIDING ASSETS. United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall's efforts to purge the bankruptcy courts of fraudulent practices resulted in the arrest of six white goods merchants yesterday on a charge of conspiring to conceal assets.

SIX ARRESTS ON THE CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD. The defendants are Morris Rabinowitz, proprietor of the N and B Sales Company of 334 Fourth avenue; Harry and Isidor Rabinowitz, owners of the International Plumbing Company of 125 Wooster street; Harry Bakal and Louis Levenson of the International Manufacturing Company at 627 Broadway, and Morris Epstein. The first three prisoners are brothers.

The Commissioner held the three brothers in \$5,000 each, Epstein in \$2,000, and the two others in \$3,500 each.

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Big Rush Expected Monday. There will be an increase in this amount Monday and Tuesday, when New Yorkers send presents out to their nearby friends in time to arrive Christmas eve.

While Mr. Morgan has his extra men in his second division, which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland, about the most active shipping territory of the country, has given up sleeping for a week.

Train No. 11 left the Pennsylvania Terminal at 2:45 this morning, all mail and storage cars. That train gets to St. Louis tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock, reaches Kansas City the next morning, picks up some mail carried by a fast Rock Island train and lands in Los Angeles next Wednesday afternoon in good time for Christmas eve distribution.

Train No. 13 with thirteen cars jumped out for Ogden, Utah, yesterday morning and will leave every passenger train there. Train No. 9, with nine cars, started out to beat records to Chicago, closely followed by No. 21 which carried three extra mail cars. Every train on every road, big and little, went out with extra storage cars as they are called and extra storage cars.

Everybody from Mr. Morris down to the lowest package juggler had but one object in mind and that was to keep the platforms cleared of the tons and tons of packages dumped there by Mr. Morgan and his men and they did it. The men were working on any kind of time, overtime or all time. They will work today. Three steamships are due and that means work.

State Sues to Reclaim Brooklyn Land on Which Plant Stands.

Papers in a suit to oust the American Sugar Refining Company from a big island of property along the Brooklyn waterfront were filed with the County Clerk in Brooklyn yesterday by Deputy Attorney-General William A. McQuillan.

The State holds that the sugar company has seized the property for its exclusive use in violation of letters patent originally issued to the Long Island Sugar Refiners, John G. Williams, Luis Wintzen, William Dick, Henry Harms, Frederick C. Havenmeyer, Thomas J. Havenmeyer, Theodore A. Havenmeyer, Charles H. Scott and the Brooklyn Sugar Refining Company.

These letters, extending from 1868 to 1884, granted riparian rights to the land between high and low water mark on the west side of Kent avenue from South First to South Fifth street, but expressly stipulated that they were made to protect the commerce of the State and restricted the grantees to dock and pier privileges. There was no proviso permitting buildings on the land. The public, according to the complaint, was to enjoy "the right of entering upon and using all and every part of the premises."

It is charged that the company in violation of these letters patent has erected buildings from six to ten stories high. The annulment of these letters patent is asked for upon that ground.

Twins Born to Suffragists. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Presents Girls to Husband, Mr. Hale.

A Christmas gift of twin daughters arrived yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swinburne Hale in Forest Hills, L. I. Mrs. Hale, who is better known as Beatrice Forbes-Robertson, niece of the English actor, is president of the League for Civic Service of Women, which has espoused the cause of the mother teachers.

She believes in the right of mothers to continue their professions, provided their work does not involve neglect of their children. Mrs. Hale left the stage two years ago after the birth of her little daughter Barbara Sanchia, who received two names, one for use if she proved to be practical, like her lawyer father, and the other in case she developed the artistic tastes of her mother's family.

Mrs. Hale has since devoted herself to public speaking, usually on suffrage, which did not take her away from home. It was at an East Side suffrage meeting that she first met her husband, who is also a strong supporter of the cause.

Before her marriage Mrs. Hale appeared in her uncle's company, but was best known in New York for her creation of the adventures in "The Morals of Marcus."

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