

CITIZENS INDORSE ACTION AGAINST COMMON CARRIERS

Uniform Delivery Charge in Outskirts Universally Demanded.

FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Transfer, Telegraph, and Taxicab Companies Accused of Unjust and Unfair Rates to Outlying Districts.

Determined efforts to widen the area of a uniform charge for delivery of express parcels, trunks, and telegraph messages by the companies that undertake to do this work for the citizens are gaining strength day by day since it was first announced in The Washington Herald that a crusade against this discrimination was being waged single-handedly by Eugene F. Gaddess, of 2623 Connecticut avenue, for his own protection.

ACTION INDORSED. Citizens of the outskirts of the city who have been paying a heavy direct tax and a kind of tribute to the common carriers for years have indorsed the action as one of the most beneficial that can be suggested to relieve a large part of the population of the city from a most unjust and unfair system of imposition, as it is popularly considered.

An examination into the conditions shows conclusively that things are worse than was at first suspected. The number of persons who are seriously affected by the regulations is much greater than was generally supposed, and now that the movement has been started, the greatest interest is being shown in the successful working out of the plans of relief.

Mr. Gaddess said last night that he is going to continue the work, and expected to find the other companies as ready to recognize the discrimination as ready to make as was the Adams Express Company. It is not his purpose to seek to impose any hardship on any of the companies concerned, and he did not think that any of them would suffer financially by following the example of the Adams.

He will include in his work the transfer, telegraph, and taxicab companies. Mr. Gaddess said that with the aid that had been freely proffered him since the announcement of his crusade, he felt that the work was of the highest importance, and that with the force that are now getting behind it, uniform delivery by common carriers will be extended over the whole District in a very short time.

Senator Smoot's Views. Senator Smoot, who lives just one square from the Rock Creek Bridge, which forms the Ultima Thule of the carrier companies, said that he is heartily in favor of the establishment of a uniform charge for the delivery of packages, trunks, and telegrams to all parts of the city.

"The extra charges made by these companies for deliveries to remote sections of the city is discrimination against the resident and should not be tolerated," said Senator Smoot. "In my own experience I have known of cases where a charge of 40 cents was made for carrying an express parcel only one square beyond the line fixed by the companies. I am glad to know that one express company has admitted the injustice of the practice and that it will stop the imposition at once. I am going to do all that I can to have the thing stopped and will further the movement in every possible way."

J. Nota McGill, president of the Cathedral Heights Citizens' Association, referred to the "drastic charges" as one of the most annoying obstacles with which the suburbans have to contend in Washington.

"These companies do not keep abreast of the times," said Mr. McGill, "nor keep pace with the growth of the city. It may have been a hardship for them to have delivered at one rate throughout the city years ago when the suburbs were only very thinly peopled, but now that the city is growing in all directions more and more every year it has become an absolute necessity to adopt other systems of transportation than those afforded by the express companies and baggage transfers to-day."

"Just because we live at Cathedral Heights we have to pay the transfer company four times as much to bring a trunk from the Union Station as the city resident pays. It costs \$2 for the first piece of baggage and 50 cent for each additional piece, while, as I understand it, the uniform rate in the city is 25 cents."

"Not only are we obliged to put up with these conditions, but there is absolutely no way in which we can get express packages delivered to addresses in this neighborhood unless we send for them ourselves. The express companies refuse absolutely to deliver packages to Cathedral Heights. It is enough to stir

Retain the merchants of the city do not view the excess charge by express and transfer companies as being at all justified on any grounds that have been advanced. Many of those who have large deliveries of parcels to make all over the District say that the uniform rate that is charged within what are called city limits would pay the companies well for all the service they perform.

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Effects Far-reaching. "If you are in the center of the city and hire a workman to do a job in Georgetown, the navy yard, or some other far-away point that is regarded as being within the city limits, he will raise no objections. But send him out to Brightwood, for instance, which in reality is no farther away than the other places, and it is an entirely different matter. This is one of the far-reaching effects of the artificial and arbitrary bounds that the several companies have erected."

"I think it high time," continued Mr. Shoemaker, "that something be done regarding the rates charged by the baggage transfer people, the express companies, and the other public services. These common carriers should make allowances for the growth of the city from year to year. All parts of the surroundings of the city are growing steadily in population and there should be a regulation imposing a uniform rate throughout the District."

FOUND WITH HEAD GONE.

DR. WILLIAM A. GRAY.

to all parts of the city free of charge. "We even pay the express charges on all purchases to the value of \$5 or more, to any point in the near-by States, even as far as North Carolina," said Mr. Kann. "As far as the extra charges exacted by the express and transfer companies and the telegraph companies for going to distant parts of the city are concerned, I can see no good business reason why they should require residents to pay this excessive tax. The uniform rate would be, in my judgment, a sufficient compensation for their trouble."

Isaac Gans, proprietor of the Palais Royal, was positive in his opinion that express and telegraph companies ought not to make an extra charge for delivering anywhere in the District. Mr. Lerner said he did it both in the city and outside, and thought that his experience would enable him to judge of the cost and the possibility of the carrier companies doing the work profitably to themselves on the uniform rate for the whole area of the city.

Call for Parcels. "It is true that each of the express companies has an office in Anacostia, but it takes them a long time to get there only to get business and not to oblige the people. The central offices in the city deliver to the Anacostia branches and the resident then receives a postal card to tell him that he can call himself at the branch office for the parcel which the company should send to his residence. That is the only way we can manage to get our parcels out here," said Mr. Burr.

"And it is the same way with trunks," he continued. "They are delivered as far as Navy Yard Bridge, and there they are dropped. The suburbans, if he is able, must send down for his baggage. Things are in such an absurd condition in this respect that one might as well live back in the woods for all the conveniences these carriers give one. It is a condition that must be remedied, and the sooner the people get together on it the better."

A prominent official of the Taxicab Company said that he did not think that taxicabs should come under the same regulation as the other common carriers. The company, he said, had tried to treat the public fairly in this respect by establishing two terminal points—one at Union Station and the other at the garage. They calculated the distance from the terminal nearest to the point of call, allowing a radius of two miles from that point as within the limits. Beyond this distance a charge of 30 cents a mile was made for each mile or fraction thereof, in accordance with police regulations. It is their custom to regard Seventh street and Georgia avenue as the dividing line. All points west being regarded as garage terminal points, and all east of them as Union Station terminals.

What Merchants Think. Retail merchants of the city do not view the excess charge by express and transfer companies as being at all justified on any grounds that have been advanced. Many of those who have large deliveries of parcels to make all over the District say that the uniform rate that is charged within what are called city limits would pay the companies well for all the service they perform.

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FACTS IN GRAY MYSTERY.

Dr. William A. Gray, retired druggist, a resident of Washington for more than fifty years.

Bachelor, with several sisters and brothers living in this city. Disappeared from Georgetown University Hospital, where he had been taken for medical treatment by his brother-in-law, G. B. Chew, on the afternoon of March 1.

Last seen going in the direction of Rock Creek, in the vicinity of Twenty-ninth street, by a street crossing policeman. Georgetown scoured by the police for days, without a trace of the missing man.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal dragged by the harbor police. Had a large sum of money and valuable watch on his person at time of his disappearance. When body was found it was headless. Coat and vest missing, but two knives and two keys found in trousers pockets.

Nearly seventy-five years of age and of eccentric habits; believed by friends to have been slightly demented. Whether he was victim of foul play, committed suicide, or accidentally met death is a mystery. Identified by peculiar knife and anchor tattooed on right arm.

DR. GRAY'S BODY FOUND IN CREEK.

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bit of evidence. Also the shoe of the right foot had been slit over the joint of the big toe, indicating that the wearer had suffered with a bunion. This, both Mr. Chew and Mr. Gray, said Dr. Gray had often complained of, and he always cut the leather.

When found both the coat and vest were missing, together with the collar, although the necktie was found around the stump of neck. In the trousers' pockets were found two knives, one a large pearl-handled affair with seven blades, and a small bone-handled one with two blades. Two keys on a key ring were also in the pocket.

Of Dr. Gray's valuable watch and wallet containing a large sum of money, not the slightest trace was obtainable. Dr. Gray, once noted, completed his attack on the hip pocket of his trousers. A stained black four-in-hand tie, a pair of brown socks, and light-weight underwear were also in the pocket.

How Dr. Gray came to his death will perhaps forever remain a mystery, although to-day a rigid police investigation will begin. Coroner Nevitt said last night that an inquest would be held this morning and all available witnesses summoned to face the jury. The police were unwilling, until more facts can be brought to light, to advance an opinion or even a theory as to the mode of death, whether the aged man met with foul play and his head severed to make identification puzzling, or whether he was accidentally killed by a falling object around the creek. That he committed suicide is not considered likely, notwithstanding the fact that he was considered by his friends to be slightly demented.

Police Advance Theories. It is possible, the police say, that the body might be that of a man who had escaped from the canal locks and the dead gates. Again the theory was advanced that an immersion of eight weeks in the water would have had the same effect, although this is regarded as highly improbable in view of the circumstances. The body was horribly swollen and decomposed, but not enough, in the opinion of the authorities, to have caused the head to drop from the shoulders.

Dr. Gray, aged and infirm, might have accidentally fallen into the water, and as the place is lonely and the nearest houses are several blocks away, drowned like a rat in a trap. On the other hand, if this was the case, it seems improbable that his coat and vest, together with the money and watch, could have so completely vanished.

If committed suicide, he would not have gone to the trouble of taking off his coat and vest, thrown his watch away, and hidden his money. The fact that the knives and keys were found showed that he did not fear his body might become identified, presuming that he sought death intentionally and never wanted it to become known.

Just how Dr. Gray came to his death is a mystery, but the police are confident that they will locate the head. Falling in, in an effort to locate the head, the body was found in the woods or buried, searching parties will scour the woods in the neighborhood. Nothing will be left undone to ascertain how the man came to his end.

Vanished Like Smoke. It is one of the most mysterious cases on record in the police history of Washington. Dr. Gray vanished like a wisp of smoke, and until his body was found yesterday, nothing definite could be learned, and the finding of the grisly remains only adds to the mystification.

Mr. Chew offered \$200 reward, had pictures of the druggist made, and together with circulars describing him minutely, these were sent by Mr. Sylvester to nearly every city and village in the East, from New Orleans to Canada. Mr. Sylvester took a personal interest in the case on account of the

preacher accidentally met Miss Warner and the interrupted courtship was resumed. Although a stream of letters and telegrams were sent to Mrs. Guss by members of her family after hope of her father's recovery was abandoned, it was not until the day following his death, she alleges, that she learned of them.

Her brother then sent Chief of Police Donaghy, of Ardmore, to Selma Grove to make an investigation. Donaghy was met at the door by Rev. Mr. Guss, who, he says, told him that his wife was not at home. Donaghy alleges that he had seen Mrs. Guss through the kitchen window and insisted upon speaking to her. She was attracted by the voice and came out. She faintly when she learned that her father was dead.

When Mrs. Guss reached Ardmore she learned of the telegrams, letters, and three long-distance telephone messages sent by her brothers. On the day of the first telegrams she said Mr. Guss suddenly proposed that they go to Williamsport, Wis., and she agreed to go with his wife that he had business in Chicago. She refused to go West, explaining that she had not heard from her husband for two weeks she felt that something had happened to him.

After their return to Selma Grove, she said, Mr. Guss again talked of going to Chicago, and persuaded her to pack all her belongings. When Chief Donaghy arrived there he was in a room and the

SHEDDY MARRIAGE PLANS ARRANGED.

Wedding to Burden to Be Held in Home of Bride.

New York, April 30.—The marriage of Florence Shеды, daughter of Dennis Shеды, the multi-millionaire of Denver, and I. Townsend Burden, jr., of New York, will take place on Saturday, June 17.

The ceremony will be performed at the Shеды mansion in Denver. Bishop M. F. Burke, of the Diocese of Missouri, a noted prelate in the Roman Catholic faith, and a great-uncle of the bride-to-be, officiating.

Mr. Burden is a non-Catholic, and, therefore, no nuptial mass will be sung in the church. He has, however, agreed to the laws of the church regarding marriage and the wedding will take place at the home of the bride. The details of the wedding as yet have not been completed.

Miss Shеды is now in New York, staying at the Hotel Plaza.

MRS. COWLING IS DEAD. Former Washington Resident Dies in New Home.

Rockville, Md., April 30.—Mrs. Mary India Cowling, widow of Thomas Cowling, of Washington, died this morning at the home of her son-in-law, Perry E. Gloyd, in Gaithersburg, aged seventy-three years.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Gloyd and Mrs. Laura Stoddard, both of Gaithersburg. Mrs. Cowling was a daughter of the late George H. Plant, of Washington. Until about ten years ago she lived in Washington. Mrs. Cowling had lived in Washington.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon from the chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington.

A simple truck, supported by a wide roller instead of small wheels, with which one man can pick up and move a piano is the invention of a Wisconsin man.

DIED.

BARRETT—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at 6:30 p. m. HENRY CLAY BARRETT, beloved husband of Angela M. Barrett.

Funeral from residence of wife's parents, 214 Arthur place northwest, Monday, May 1, at 11 a. m. Interment at Arlington.

BATTEN—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at 9:30 p. m. ROBERT GROSVENOR BATTEN, at Providence Hospital.

Funeral from Lee's Chapel, May 1, at 10 a. m.

COLEMAN—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at 12 p. m. ELIZABETH COLEMAN, faithful servant of Mrs. S. W. Bradley, 1315 Park road northwest.

Funeral services at Northwest Union Chapel, May 1, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

HENSHAW—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at 4 p. m. HENRY CLAY HENSHAW, street northeast, EDWARD F. HENSHAW.

Funeral from his late residence, Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m.

HODGES—On Saturday, April 25, 1911, at Washington, D. C. ANNIE ABBOTT HODGES, widow of Brig. Gen. Henry C. Hodges, U. S. A., retired.

Funeral from her late residence, Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. Interment at St. Teresa's Church, where mass will be said at 10 a. m.

LE FEVRE—On Saturday, April 25, 1911, CHARLES LE FEVRE, aged 35 years, 412 E. Street.

Funeral from Speare's, 940 F street, Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

LOVD—Departed this life on Friday, April 25, 1911, at 10:30 a. m. LOUISE E. widow of Samuel Loyd, 132 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

LYLES—On Saturday, April 25, 1911, after a long illness, HARRISON B. LYLES, in the thirty-fifth year of his life.

Funeral from his late residence, 950 Florida avenue northwest, on Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. thence to Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Fourteenth street and Columbia road. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

NOLAN—On Friday, April 25, 1911, RUPPERT HON. ANACOSTIA, D. C.

Funeral from Thomas R. Nalley & Son's funeral parlors, 1231 Eleventh street southeast, Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

OVER—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at her residence, 203 Tenth street northwest, on Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

SAMPSON—On Friday, April 25, 1911, at 1 a. m. MARY R., beloved wife of Thomas Sampson, 2013 Nineteenth street northwest, on Monday, May 1, at 2 p. m. Interment (private) at Glenwood Cemetery.

STEWART—On Saturday, April 25, 1911, at 10:30 a. m. CAROLINE, the widow of John M. Stewart.

Funeral from her late residence, 515 East Capitol street, CAROLINE, the widow of John M. Stewart.

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CHURCHES OBSERVE TUBERCULOSIS DAY

Fight Against White Plague Theme of Address.

In an effort to arouse interest in the fight against the dreaded white plague, Washington churches yesterday observed "Tuberculosis Day." The day was set aside by the Washington branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, of which Gen. George M. Sternberg is president and Miss Ruth Rizer secretary.

Miss Rizer addressed the residents of Langdon, urging them to join in the campaign against tuberculosis. She said many cases are caused by carelessness and dirt. Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, has promised to address his congregation on the subject at an early date, as has Rev. Harry Angus, pastor of Peck Church, Rabbi Abram Simon, of the Eighth Street Temple, will speak Friday evening.

Dr. F. Scott Avery last night addressed members of the West Street Presbyterian Church, showing specimens from the Bureau of Animal Industry to illustrate his talk.

MRS. LUTHER YOUNG DIES.

Long Illness in Home Ends in Expected Death.

Rockville, Md., April 30.—Mrs. Sarah Ann Young, aged sixty-four years, died to-day at her home near Damascus.

She is survived by her husband, Luther Young, two sons, and one daughter, all of this county.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning from the Methodist Church at Damascus.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau. Washington, Sunday, April 30, 1911—5 p. m.

The general pressure distribution over the northern hemisphere has not changed materially during the last day or two, low pressure continuing over Europe, the eastern part of the United States, and Alaska, and high pressure over interior Asia, the middle Atlantic Ocean, the western part of the United States, and the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Local Temperature. Midnight, 61; 2 a. m., 62; 4 a. m., 63; 6 a. m., 64; 8 a. m., 65; 10 a. m., 66; 12 noon, 67; 2 p. m., 68; 4 p. m., 69; 6 p. m., 70; 8 p. m., 71; 10 p. m., 72. Relative humidity—6 a. m., 75; 8 a. m., 76; 10 a. m., 77; 12 noon, 78; 2 p. m., 79; 4 p. m., 80; 6 p. m., 81; 8 p. m., 82; 10 p. m., 83. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 82; minimum, 59.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperature in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

City	Max.	Min.	P. P.	Rain
Abbeville, N. C.	73	58	0.0	0.70
Atlanta, Ga.	62	42	0.0	0.00
Atlanta City, N. C.	64	44	0.0	0.00
Bismarck, N. Dak.	62	34	0.0	0.00
Boston, Mass.	74	54	0.0	0.00
Buffalo, N. Y.	68	48	0.0	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	68	54	0.0	0.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	76	60	0.0	0.00
Dayton, Ohio	74	58	0.0	0.00
Davenport, Iowa	66	50	0.0	0.00
Denver, Colo.	62	38	0.0	0.18
Des Moines, Iowa	64	48	0.0	0.00
Galveston, Tex.	68	52	0.0	0.00
Houston, Tex.	66	50	0.0	0.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	64	48	0.0	0.00
Jacksonville, Fla.	70	64	0.0	0.00
Kansas City, Mo.	72	60	0.0	0.18
Little Rock, Ark.	70	54	0.0	0.00
Los Angeles, Cal.	70	64	0.0	0.00
Madison, Wis.	64	48	0.0	0.18
Marysville, Mich.	66	50	0.0	0.00
Memphis, Tenn.	68	52	0.0	0.00
New Orleans, La.	70	54	0.0	1.06
New York, N. Y.	68	52	0.0	0.00
North Platte, Neb.	64	48	0.0	0.00
Omaha, Neb.	64	48	0.0	0.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	74	58	0.0	0.00
Pittsburg, Kan.	68	52	0.0	0.00
Portland, Ore.	68	52	0.0	0.00
Portland, Me.	68	52	0.0	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	68	52	0.0	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	68	52	0.0	0.00
San Francisco, Cal.	68	52	0.0	0.00
Seattle, Wash.	68	52	0.0	0.00
Spokane, Wash.	68	52	0.0	0.00
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE LANSTON MONOTYPE MACHINE COMPANY, 220 CALLOWHILL STREET, PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 13, 1911.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lanston Monotype Machine Company will be held at the Elks' Home, corner Prince and Royal streets, Alexandria, Va., at 12 o'clock noon, on THURSDAY, the 6th day of May, 1911, for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before it.

Transfer books will be closed on April 28 at 4 o'clock p. m. and will be reopened on May 9 at 10 o'clock a. m.

By order of the board of directors,
W. ARTHUR SELAMAN, Secretary.

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