

PUBLISHERS OBJECT TO INCREASED RATE

Trouble Lies With Department, Declares F. H. Scott, Before Committees.

HEAD OF SERVICE CHANGED TOO OFTEN

Explains That Postmaster General's Stay Is Too Short to Learn Business.

"The trouble with your Postoffice Department is that no man is allowed to remain in charge long enough to impress his individuality upon it. It is not permitted to stay there and master the details of the department as a business man would master his own affairs."

Frank H. Scott, president of the Century Publishing Company, of New York, made this statement to the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads when he appeared before it this morning to protest against any increase of postal rates on second class matter.

Both Mr. Scott and George W. Wilder, president of the Butterick Publishing Company, who followed him, endeavored to demonstrate to the committee that there should not be settled upon second class mail matter responsibility for the annual postal deficit.

Mr. Wilder was accompanied by James E. West, his local attorney.

Publishers at Hearing.

A score of publishers, representing the leading periodicals of America, and the Periodical Publishers' Association, were interested attendants upon the committee's meeting. Many of them will be heard before the committee arrives at a decision upon the recommendation of the President and the Postmaster General concerning a possible increase in second class matter postage.

Continuing, Mr. Scott said: "What we urge is, that a man be kept at the head of the Postoffice Department long enough to understand how to manage the business by the same methods as are in vogue in our commercial business establishments."

"Do that, and we are willing to bide the results. Otherwise, the rates on second class matter should remain as they are."

Figures Lack Proof.

Both Mr. Scott and Mr. Wilder insisted that the department's own figures did not prove that the large bulk of the postal deficit was caused by the present low rates on second class matter.

Instead, they said, examination would show that such matter paid for its haul, and that the losses were occasioned by rural free delivery and the large amount of frank matter from other departments carried through the mails.

Mr. Wilder argued that it was not proper to charge matter paid for its haul, and that the losses were occasioned through the free distribution in the country of the smaller papers all over the country.

"Nothing can be further from the fact," said Mr. Scott "than that the rate was created for the publishers' benefit and that it amounts to a subsidy. The rate is for the good of the whole people and the Postoffice Department should be so conducted. The determination of literature is an education in a way and the country could not exist without it."

Mr. Wilder said that the department's figure of \$64,000,000 loss on second class matter was just \$63,000,000 out of the way. One advertiser, contended Mr. Wilder, whose yearly list of larger newspapers, spends on mail in one year nearly all the Government would save by excluding magazines from the mails.

DAMAGE IS SLIGHT IN GARAGE LOFT

Spontaneous combustion was responsible for a slight blaze in the loft of a garage in Stanton alley, in the rear of 1228 K street northwest, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. The fire was put out after doing a few dollars' damage.

Fire Marshal Nicholson said that a rumor that the blaze was of incendiary origin was unfounded.

ECONOMY IN JAIL

MT. HOLLY, N. J., Jan. 26.—According to the statement just issued by Sheriff Worsell, the taxpayers have been saved over \$4,000 by the operation of the Burlington county jail held here under the salary system during the past year. The comparison is made with the last year under the fee system.

OUR CONSUMERS LEAGUE FOR LOWER LIVING COSTS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING HERE TOMORROW, THURSDAY ALL DAY FOR THE INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Fresh Little Pig Shoulders, lb. 12c
Corned Little Pig Shoulders, lb. 12c
Fresh Little Pig Hams, lb. 15c
Fresh Loin Roasts, lb. 15c
Pure Pork Sausage Meat (country style), lb. 15c
Sirloin Steak, lb. 15c
Porterhouse Steak (choice), lb. 17c and 20c

Old Dutch Market 930 Louisiana Ave. N. W. In the Middle of the Block. 500 Eighth Street S. E. On the Corner of E.

EAST INSISTS WEST SHALL AID SHIPPING

National Board of Trade Demands Return for Supporting Reclamation.

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had made an extended address on the present commercial needs of the country. G. Waido Smith, of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, declared that the present situation was disastrous.

He quoted a letter received by a friend from Admiral Sperry, in which the naval officer said, in commenting on the world cruise of the battleship fleet that he had not met at sea a single merchant vessel carrying the American flag in his entire cruise. Admiral Sperry also referred to the fact that coal for the American battleships was carried in foreign vessels a consignment of 25,000 tons having failed to reach the fleet in Australia, a situation that would be fraught with grave consequences in time of war. Mr. Smith said further that foreign governments spend something like \$18,000,000 on their merchant marine, while the United States gave a little more than \$1,000,000.

H. C. Reynolds, of the Scranton board of trade, introduced his remarks with the statement that if the United States Government would contribute 5 per cent of the amount it pays annually for foreign ship owners to American shipping, it would receive many times that amount in return and the tax would immediately appear as the result of such assistance.

Mr. Reynolds declared that in the largest and broadest sense this is a matter to which the National Board of Trade should give its time and money. The proposition of the merchant marine idea throughout the country should not be permitted to rest, he said. The importance of it in relation to all other development movements should be emphasized.

Duty of the West.

"The people of the Middle West should be made to understand that it is we of the East who support their reclamation projects, which takes millions out of the National Treasury, they should give us their support in our ship subsidy measure," Mr. Reynolds said.

"This should not be made a question of adopting the most positive means of showing the people of the Middle West—that section in which we have met strong opposition—just where we stand and how far they can go."

Col. J. J. Sullivan, of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, president of the manufacturing centers of the East, representative William W. Foulkrod, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Joseph A. Goulden, of New York, made strong addresses advocating the adoption of the resolution. Colonel Sullivan declared that the merchant marine of the United States had not been properly conserved and that measures should be immediately adopted to prevent its extinction.

The manufacturing, agricultural and mineral resources of the United States are all dependent, he declared, upon the merchant marine, and there could be no real conservation of the resources of the United States if the merchant marine is restored to its former glory. On being put to a vote, the resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice.

For Consular Reform.

Former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia was the principal speaker on the subject of consular reform, of which he was an ardent advocate during his term of service in the Senate.

The subject was taken up with a resolution reported by Chairman William H. Douglas from the committee on consular and diplomatic service. Mr.

Catarrh Will Go Relief in Two Minutes, Complete Cure Soon.

Don't go on hawking yourself sick every morning; it's cruel, it's harmful, and it's unnecessary.

If after breathing Hyomei, the wonder-worker, you are not rid of yile catarrh, you can have your money back.

No stomach dosing—just take the little hard rubber pocket inhaler that comes with each outfit, and pour into it a few drops of Hyomei. Breathe it according to directions. In two minutes it will relieve you of that stuffed up feeling. Use it a few minutes every day, and in a few weeks you will be entirely free from catarrh.

Get an outfit today. It only costs \$1.00; it's worth \$1.00 to any catarrh sufferer. For sale by druggists everywhere and by Henry Evans, who guarantees it to cure catarrh, croup, coughs, colds, sore throat, and bronchitis. An extra bottle of Hyomei Liquid is needed, costs but 50c. The little hard rubber pocket inhaler you get with outfit will last a lifetime. Sample bottle of Hyomei free from Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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which is five feet of water. The house is now without light, heat or phone, but Mr. Bacon has refused to follow the example of his neighbors in deserting their homes.

The Halle Au Vins, the world's largest bonded wine warehouse, covering twelve squares in the Quai St. Bernard, is menaced by the continued rise of the Seine.

The director of police, Pezarch, today directed M. Bertillon, of police measurement fame, to make official photographs of the Seine and the flooded sections of Paris for historical reference.

HARBOR AT NAPLES SWEEP BY STORM

NAPLES, Jan. 26.—No ships are entering the harbor today owing to the violence of the storm that is sweeping the Mediterranean. The harbor-master is sending out wireless messages to ships bound for the port not to attempt to enter until the storm subsides.

The Duke of Connaught, King Edward's brother, who is bound for East Africa on a hunting expedition, is one of those whose ship is being held up by the storm.

Inside the harbor there have been numerous collisions among the ships, and several vessels have been sunk. The water is so rough that all ships are dragging their anchors.

WESTERN EUROPE IN STORM'S GRASP

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Practically the whole of Western Europe is today in the grip of a severe storm, with blizzards, floods, and hurricanes causing damage that will run into the millions and a heavy loss of life.

The storm extends from the British Isles through Central Europe to Southern Italy and from Scandinavia to Gibraltar.

The Northern, Western, and Southern coast lines, from Copenhagen to Brin-

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RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR A DAY OR TWO

Rain is the weather prediction for tonight, and the downfall may last through tomorrow.

There is little chance for snow, because the temperature will get gradually higher until tomorrow. Cloudy and unsettled weather is scheduled for the next few days.

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The Second Day Adventists in the community considered it a sign from heaven, and have remained at prayers since the phenomenon took place.

Faded Hair Spoils the Beauty of Many Women

Have you seen a pretty face with regular features, clear skin, pearly teeth and plenty of animation and vivacity, and yet remarked that there was something lacking that really made the individual less charming than her sister of plainer possessions?

A moment's study of such a face will show you clearly that it is a want of luxuriant hair which makes the difference.

The woman who wishes to retain her youth must look after her hair—the woman with scant, unattractive hair is never admired.

Society women realize the truth of this statement and that is why so many beautiful women demand that Parisian Sage be used by their hair dressers.

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Palais Royal A. LISNER Broken Lots Lingerie— 25c to \$3.98 for 50c to \$5.00 garments. See tables on 1st, 2d, and 3d floors. 25c Nine of the hundreds of garments reduced to 25c for choice. See tables. All Garments Below 50c The Palais Royal A. LISNER. 8:30 A. M. to 6 P. M. G Street.

Bon Marche Forced Sale Offers Even Greater Values

This is the most successful sale that we have ever conducted. Large crowds have attended since the first day, but for tomorrow we expect the biggest crowd of all, as every bargain below is a most exceptional value.

- \$9.50 for Suits Worth up to \$25.00
\$12.50 for Suits Worth up to \$30.00
\$14.50 for Suits Worth up to \$35.00
\$18.50 for Suits Worth up to \$40.00
\$23.50 for Suits Worth up to \$45.00

This includes suits of every style and description—all the newest effects, finely tailored and covering every color.

- \$25.00 FOR 3-PIECE SUITS WORTH TO \$55— Handsomely braided in all the wanted colors.
\$5.00 FOR DRESSES WORTH UP TO \$20.00— One-piece Dresses in cloth, silk, and moire.
\$7.50 FOR LINED CAPES WORTH TO \$20.00— Made of broadcloth in street and evening shades.
\$10.00 FOR LONG COATS WORTH TO \$25.00— Wide wales, broadcloths, chevrons, and moires. All lined throughout.
\$5.98 FOR LONG COATS WORTH TO \$15.00—
\$42.50 FOR FUR COATS WORTH TO \$80.00— 50-inch, 43-inch, and 36-inc h. Made of Pony, French Seal, and Northwestern Mink.
\$65.00 FOR FRENCH SEAL COATS WORTH \$100.00— Brocaded and Shirred Silk Linings.
\$10.00 FOR RAINCOATS WORTH TO \$20.00— Made of silk, satin and moire.
\$7.50 FOR SKIRTS WORTH UP TO \$18.00— In voile, broadcloth, panama and taffeta.

The Bon Marche, 314-316 Seventh St.