

POSTAL WORKERS' PAY NOT UP TO 'LINE OF DEGENCY'

Bill Pending in Congress to Grant Living Wage to Faithful Employees.

Some time ago The Indianapolis Times printed a series of stories showing that Indiana postal employees—clerks, carriers, etc.—were entitled to more salary. Here is a general story written for this paper—Editor's Note.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Your Indiana mail carrier is a mighty dependable chap. He's so dependable you hardly realize you're receiving the service he renders day by day.

There are so few, if any, exceptions, that it's safe to set this down as a fact, anywhere, without any qualifications at all.

The odds are many to one that you like your mail carrier. He's polite and accommodating.

You couldn't stand it, considering how frequent your contacts with him are, if he were grouchy, as, unfortunately, some public servants are.

His Job Is Hard
Your mail carrier's work, physically, is hard. Toting that sack is no light stunt.

Walking, walking, always walking may be all right when the weather's fine, but in time of storm it's no joke; it may mean real suffering.

Your mail carrier is a man of some education; he has to be. He's a mine of information on the subject of Uncle Sam's mails. This means he must have had experience.

He must be a diplomat and more or less of a business man. Absolute honesty is vital, of course.

Your mail man, in short, is equipped to make more money at some other

\$1,755 Is Maximum

For the mail carrier, as for every other else, the cost of living has gone up. Realizing this, Congress raised pay in 1920 to a maximum of \$1,800 a year, but out of this comes \$45 for retirement, so that the net maximum is \$1,755.

The present maximum was fixed on the supposition that the cost of living had reached its peak. This hasn't proved to be the case, and the National Association of Letter Carriers says frankly that today its members are hard put to it to live.

The mailman, it's to be remembered, isn't like an unskilled laborer, to whom \$1,755 might seem pretty good. He has a certain amount of "front" to maintain. He's expected to look spruce and neat. The two uniforms a year he must buy, which used to cost \$20, now are \$46 apiece. That's just a sample.

Family Needs \$2,052

The mail carrier has a family, too. The Congressional Record published figures recently which, taking Detroit as a representative city, fixed \$2,052.36 as the smallest sum on which a family of five could live decently in 1923.

The mail carrier and his family, then, are \$297.35 below the decency line, even supposing the carrier receives the maximum and doesn't lose a working hour out of the year, a practical impossibility, of course.

Accordingly Senator Edge of New Jersey and Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania have joint bills pending in Congress to advance city carriers to \$2,000 on entering the service, to \$2,200 after the second year and to \$2,400 after the third.

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He Deserves More Money



Entitled to It, Says New

By NEA Service

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It didn't take much a few days ago as if the mail carriers, and other postal employees, stood a chance of an increase in pay.

"They're more than entitled to it," Postmaster General Harry New admitted, in effect, "but the postal department is losing money now, and all departments are trying to cut down, so what can we do?"

But the question didn't prove as easy to shelve as that.

"Something must be done," insisted the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, unexpectedly taking a hand. Special Senate and House subcommittees are conducting a hearing in Washington relative to the joint bills which Senator Edge of New Jersey and Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania have joint bills pending in Congress to advance city carriers to \$2,000 on entering the service, to \$2,200 after the second year and to \$2,400 after the third.

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Louisville and Terre Haute Will See Ringling This Season.

By United Press
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 22.—The "cats"—striped tigers, leopards and lions and leopards of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey family—know they are about to leave their close winter quarters and hit the open road. Old Bill Gottschalk says.

In his capacity as caretaker at the big show's winter home, Bill and the cats have kept company for a score of years. They know, Bill says.

Tails Get Attention

So do the polar bears, swaying at their pendulous exercises; so do the trained horses, for is not the silken sheen of their four-foot tails the subject of special attention these days.

But the camels, they don't know nothing. A second sense tells most of the animals their winter sleep is over, old Bill opines.

A cage full of trained lions lolling in the straw and offal of winter is about as unemotional an exhibition of still life as can be imagined.

Smell of Paint

But when Bill threw open a barn door and let in the breath of spring from the lot, the pulse-quickening smells of pine and paint and a mild breeze that brought the merry ring of an anvil from the blacksmith's shop across the way—then even the cats got it and a couple of them frolicked with the stump of Bill's stick and took a playful swipe at the corporal's nearest sleeve.

Next Sunday the circus moves to New York for a month's stand. After that it hits the road. This year they're going to play Louisville and Terre Haute, having missed these towns for several seasons.

ASSESSMENT CUT LANDS IN COURT

Injunction Asked in McCray Bank Appraisal Case.

The reduction assessment of \$55,000 to \$3,000 upon the value of the Discount and Deposit State Bank of Kentland was before the Newton Circuit Court today. Governor McCray was president of the bank. Board of school trustees filed suit to enjoin John G. Davis, county auditor, from enforcing the State board's appraisal of \$3,000 upon the defunct Kentland Bank.

No action will be taken by the State board to defend its action before the Newton court, John J. Brown, chairman, said.

"The action may not have been legal, but it was done in interest of equity and justice," Brown commented. "The board, in fact, stated in a letter to Davis that it doubted its legal authority in the matter but that it was convinced of the justice."

Davis, a brother-in-law of Governor McCray, protested against the \$3,000 assessment.

Even as individuals they are unwilling to quit, not only from genuine love of the service with which they are identified, but, and especially just now, when it's admitted working under difficulties from lack of adequate funds, because they feel it wouldn't be fair to desert it in an emergency.

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LEFT TO RIGHT—MARY MARIANNI, VIRGINIA RIGHTER, HELENA SUTTON, ELEANOR MARTIN, PASQUALE MONTANI, RHEA PYLE, MARTHA OSBORNE, RUTH HOTCHINS, MARION MADDY.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., March 22.—The Richmond High School Harp Ensemble will play Mrs. T. B. Rossett May 4 on the program of the National Harpists' convention.

It is the only organization of its kind in Indiana and is not known to be duplicated in the United States. It was organized by J. E. Maddy, Richmond public schools music supervisor. Pasquale Montani, Indianapolis, is director.

It will also appear in Cincinnati April 9 on the program of the annual convention of the National Association of public school supervisors.

Life. Mrs. F. T. Edenharter will direct an hour of musical vespers in the former Grace Bldg., Thirty-second St. and Capitol Ave., at 8:45 o'clock. The quartette of the church will be assisted by Miss Octavia Green, violinist.

THE REV. H. R. BOARDMAN of the New Jersey Street Methodist Church will preach Sunday morning. The Epworth League will conduct the service at night.

THE REV. CHARLES H. GUNSON will preach at the Spiritualist Church of Truth Sunday night on "Astrology and Its Divine Purpose."

DR. FRANK S. C. WICKS of all Souls Unitarian Church announces the following order of service at 11 a. m. Sunday:

Prelude—Chopin. Serenade—Franz Schubert. Hymn 336. Service—Page Thirty-Two. Covenant. Anthem. Words of aspiration. Responsive Reading—Page Thirty-Three. Scripture. Hymn 441. Notices and Offerings. Cantalena in D—Salome. Address—Thomas Jefferson. Hymn 474 (30). Benediction. Postlude.

AT BRIGHTWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 2418 N. Gale St., Mrs. Timothy Harrison and Mrs. Loren Warner, will speak on "Women's Work in the Church," on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

DR. JOSEPH L. THOMPSON is conducting a revival service at the Capitol Avenue Christian Church, at Fortieth St. and Capitol Ave. The schedule for Sunday and rest of the week is as follows: Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Bible school motto, "Bring the Other Fellow"; 10:45 a. m., subject, "The New Testament Church"; 2:30 p. m., mass meeting (men only); 6:30 p. m., Young People's meeting; 7:45 p. m., "Moral Man Night"; Monday, 7:45 p. m., "Society Night"; Tuesday, 7:45 p. m., "Community Night"; Thursday, 7:45 p. m., "Lodge Night"; Friday, 7:45 p. m., "Children's Night."

REV. E. P. JEWETT of the Morris Street Methodist Church will preach Sunday morning on "After the Revival What?" At night, "The Victorious Faith." There will be special music by the vested choir under the direction of William Hitz.

REV. CHARLES H. ROSE of the Trinity Methodist Church will preach Sunday morning on "Christian Education," and at night on "On the Fence."

AT GARDEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH the Rev. Clyde Gibbons, pastor, will preach Sunday on "Preservation of Our National Life," and at night on "A Home of the Redeemed."

REV. E. A. ROBERTSON of the East Park M. E. Church will preach Sunday morning on "The Lame Beggar at the Gate Beautiful," and at night, "Hell, Certainty or the Tragedy of a Memory."

REV. L. C. E. PACKLER of St. Matthew Evangelical Church will preach Sunday morning on "Today I Will Abide at Thy House." At night, "Peter, the Boaster." The Luther League will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday night.

"POSITIVE LIVING FROM STANDPOINT OF LIBERAL CHRISTIANITY" will be the 10:45 a. m. theme of Dr. Edwin Cunningham at the Central Universalist Church.

THE REV. CLYDE L. GIBBENS of the Garden Street Baptist Church will preach Sunday night on "A Home Too Small to Receive Company."

DR. EDWARD HAINES KISTLER preaches for the new Fairview Presbyterian Church in the Fourth Bldg., Nineteenth and Alabama Sts., Sunday at 11 on "An Ancient Psalm of David."

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BANQUET TO END CONVOCAION OF SCOTTISH RITE

Thirtieth to Thirty-Second Degrees Are Conferred at Temple This Afternoon.

The fifty-ninth annual convocation of the Scottish Rite at the Murat Temple, was to close with conferring of thirtieth to thirty-second degrees this afternoon and a banquet at 6 p. m.

Officials said the convocation is the largest ever held.

Thomas R. Marshall, ex-Vice President of the United States, in a short address at a dinner Friday evening, told of the urgent need of a new cathedral for the Scottish Rite.

The Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel welcomed the class of 309 candidates. The Rev. C. Howard Taylor responded. Short addresses were made by the grand officers of the York Rite Masonic bodies in Indiana. George W. Kadel sang.

Some of the visiting Masons viewed for the first time Murat Temple, said to be the largest and most complete shrine mosque in North America.

COOLIDGE THANKS NORTH DAKOTANS

La Follette-Johnson Vote Exceeds President's Total.

By United Press
FARGO, N. D., March 22.—President Coolidge promised "to advocate sound economic relief where it is needed," in a telegram of thanks for the North Dakota presidential preference.

The President was given a plurality of 13,000 over Senators La Follette and Johnson.

The combined La Follette-Johnson vote, however, exceeds the total vote for President Coolidge by nearly 18,000.

With all but 120 precincts out of 2,058 the vote stood: Coolidge, 50,554; La Follette, 37,074; Johnson, 30,441.

La Follette's vote giving him a plurality of more than 8,000 over Senator Johnson was a distinct surprise in all political circles.

CHURCH NOTICES

Churches of Christ, Scientist

Lesson-Sermon "MATTER"

Sunday, March 23

The greatest Spiritualist Meeting ever held in this city.

TWO GREAT SERVICES Under the auspices of The S. M. A. Church of this city.

Ordination of the Pastor of the South Side Spiritualist Church Will Be Held at the Night Service

Lectures and Messages By REV. MERTON VERRILL, Grand Rapids, Mich. President of Spiritualist Mediums Alliance of U. S. A.

REV. JOHN L. D. PARENT, Saginaw, Mich.

REV. MINNIE SNYDER, Cincinnati, Ohio

Afternoon service at 2:30 o'clock in the hall of the South Side Spiritualist Church, 143 E. Ohio St., 3rd floor.

Night Service at 7:30 o'clock in the hall of the South Side Spiritualist Church, Fountain Square, Fountain Block, 3rd floor, corner Virginia Ave. and Prospect St.

Come Early To Be Sure of a Good Seat

GOOD MUSIC, EVERYBODY WELCOME.

SALVATION ARMY 24 S. Capitol

Sunday School 9:40

Holiness Meeting 10:45

Young Peoples Meeting 6:15

Salvation Meeting 8:00

Week Day Meetings

Salvation Meeting Thursday, 8 o'clock

Holiness Meeting Friday 8 o'clock

Salvation Meeting Saturday 8 o'clock

Officers in Charge

Captain and Mrs. L. W. Amberger and also Lieutenant Beatrice Hughes

A Special Self-Denial Service at 8 o'clock.

FIRST AMERICAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

524 Monument Circle

Morrison Hall

Services from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., prompt

Trancelectures by Blanche LaMar. Messages by Gypsy Darall.

Of Philadelphia, Penn., and various mediums present. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful worker with us. We urge that you come early.

Midweek services at 1:30 Ashland, every Wednesday eve, 7:30 p. m. Welcome extended to all.

ARTHUR M. BOWMAN, President.

SPIRITUALIST MISSION will hold services at 1026 E. Washington St., Sunday, 7:45 p. m. All message service by the pastor, Rev. Ruth Van De Beugen. Message services every Wednesday at 8:30 evening and 7:45 p. m. conducted by the Ladies Aid. Part of the time devoted to healing. We cordially invite to attend these services. All are welcome.

"Pay Dirt"

The "Forty-Niners" made their fortunes by pan-mining; gathering the gold-bearing sand or "pay-dirt" in an iron pan and separating the sand from the tiny gold flakes.

They seldom found chunks or nuggets of gold, but by patient work the number of single grains increased until the miner had a fortune.

A steady accumulation of small sums is a sure method of fortune building. Start saving your nickels and dimes in a savings account now and use the money for investment later. We add interest and protect your savings with capital and surplus of two million dollars.

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