

'TIN CAN MAIL' SLOW BUT SURE FOR CORAL ISLE

California Man Gets Letter He Sent to Himself Eight Months Ago.

PASADENA, Cal., March 31 (U. P.).—Fred V. Flannery of this city offers proof of the efficiency of the "Tin Can Mail Service" that is now operated regularly from the little island of Niufoofu, which lies between Hawaii and Australia.

After eight months, a letter which he addressed to himself and carefully enclosed in a tin can and mailed via the "tin can route" has been delivered.

Another one, which he addressed to his mother at the same time, has not yet arrived, but he is confident it eventually will as sometimes two years are required for the delivery of a "tin can letter" from Niufoofu Island. Few, he declared, are ever lost.

Island of 35,000

The Island of Niufoofu, a British possession with a population of 35,000, is described by Mr. Flannery as being the only one in the world where a can opener is a part of the standard equipment of the Post-office Department.

Mail is received and sent from there in tin cans, and the system has been developed to a high degree of perfection.

The cans used for mailing letters are canceled or stamped with the phrase "Tin Can Mail, Niufoofu Island, Tonga," in eight languages.

This is done so crews of foreign vessels, which may pick up the cans at sea, can decipher the address and carry the letters to at least one more port nearer its destination or throw it overboard at a point where the winds and currents may be more favorable.

Tides and Ships Aid

Currents, tides, and ships and the postoffice system of the country of final destination are counted upon to help the letter to its destination. A highlight of the service on the island itself is in connection with mail that arrives there, either via ship or by being washed up on the beach. Mr. Flannery said. After the stamp is canceled, "pony express riders" in the form of natives in canoes, paddle out to sea to launch the cans again and get them started toward their ultimate destination with the least delay.

The development of a tin can mail service, Mr. Flannery explained, came about because in the early days when supplies were brought to the island by ships it was impossible for the vessels to get closer in than several miles due to coral reefs. Hence all supplies were put in canoes, thrown overboard and were washed ashore.

Since then the natives have developed the habit of going out in canoes and taking off their supplies. They usually also take out their canned mail, and let the ship throw it overboard at whatever point it will catch the winds and currents most calculated to carry it swiftly to its destination.

Only one thing menaces the present tin can mail service, Mr. Flannery said, and that is that the demand from stamp collectors all over the world for tin cans bearing the cancellation mark in eight languages has become so great that the natives are getting tired of so much excessive work. The letters are stamped only with the year in which they are "canned" and mailed, as the day and date has no importance on the island.

ST. LOUIS LACKS MEN

ST. LOUIS, March 31 (U. P.).—There are 7 per cent more females in this city than males, according to a survey made by the St. Louis Youth Commission. Only 46.5 per cent of the city's population is male against 53.5 per cent female.

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Bridge Gone, 14 Drive to Death



At least 14 persons were drowned when autos in which they were riding drove up the incline to the bridge over Clear Creek bayou near Vicksburg, Miss., and plunged over the edge in the darkness of night. The center span of the bridge had been washed out by flood waters.

Deaths Among Indiana Residents

ANDERSON—Claude A. McHenry, 42, Survivors: Wife, Vera; sons, Jack and Bill; daughter, Miss Donna Mae McHenry; mother, Mrs. Matilda McHenry; brothers, Lee and George McHenry; sister, Mrs. Luther Robbins.

BIRDSY—Joseph T. Ingle, 61, Survivors: Wife, Ida; daughter, Mrs. Clyde Anderson; son, Raymond; brothers, Richard, William, Samuel, John, sisters, Mrs. Ida Sauer, Mrs. Lillie Sauer, Mrs. Harriet Cummings, Mrs. Lilla Steinmetz, Mrs. Alina Eckert.

COLUMBUS—Mrs. Martha Williamson, 59, Survivors: None.

CORYDON—William Casgrove, 30, Survivors: Wife.

EAST CHICAGO—Amel E. Peters, 71, Survivors: Wife, Mary; sons, Edward and Herbert; daughters, Mrs. C. Miller, Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. John Forbes, 62, Survivors: Brother, Mrs. Mae Lister, Mrs. Mary Cyprian.

EDINBURGH—Mrs. Della McClain, 55, Survivors: Wife, Mary; sons, Edward and Herbert; daughters, Mrs. C. Miller, Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. John Forbes, 62, Survivors: Brother, Mrs. Mae Lister, Mrs. Mary Cyprian.

EVANSVILLE—William K. Kracht, 34, Survivors: Mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kracht; father, Karl; sisters, Mrs. Lorene Krieger, Mrs. Clarence Memmer.

GREENSBORO—Mrs. Elizabeth Case, 74, Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Case; sons, Henry, Harvey; brothers, Pink and Nick; daughter, Mrs. Katherine Baezel; Misses Lena and Veronica Wassmer; sons, Charles, John, Joe, Tom, Charles, Nick, brother, Theodore Miller.

INDIANAPOLIS—Mrs. Elmer Jarboe, 75, Survivors: Wife, Elmer; sons, Richard, Raymond, Samuel, H. G. and Zebert Pickrell, 48, Survivors: Mother, Mrs. Bell Parsons; brothers, Lee, Percy, Clarence.

FAIRMONT—William Edward Titus, 63, Survivors: Wife, Mary; daughters, Mrs. I. J. Stuart, Mrs. Truman Eldridge, Mrs. I. J. Stuart, Mrs. Ed Lightfoot, brothers, Frank and Arthur Titus.

GREENSBORO—Olive M. Harvey, 64, Survivors: Wife, Della; son, Basil Harvey; daughter, Mrs. Vel Myers; brothers, Dan, Elmer, and Lee; sister, Mrs. Mary Gray, Mrs. Rebecca Howell.

HAMMOND—Chester Callis, 27, Survivors: Wife, Callis; sons, Clayton and Karl; Callis; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb; Mrs. Ben Aron; brother, Thomas Callis.

KOKOMO—Mrs. R. Lane, 72, Survivors: Son, Otto and Victor Lane; sister, Mrs. William Adams.

LAFAYETTE—Frank Canutt, 76, Survivors: None.

LAGRANGE—LeRoy L. Ebelman, 73, Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Ellis Holsinger; sister, Mrs. Carl Krueger.

LAMAR—Chris Leberg, 83, Survivors: Wife, Barbara; son, Carl; daughters, Mrs. Edward Lester, Mrs. Paul Foster.

LOGANSPOUT—Frank J. White, 83, Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Raymond Young, Mrs. Ida Wilson, Mrs. Myrtle White, Mrs. Pearl Rothrick; sons, William and Robert White.

MISHAWAKA—Mrs. Cornelius M. Kuhn, 44, Survivors: Husband, mother, Mrs. Peter Nelson; sons, Charles, Harold.

ROYAL CENTRE—Mrs. Mary A. Powell, 79, Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. John Starkey, Mrs. Harry Hill.

SHELBYVILLE—Mrs. Emma Rhodes, 78, Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Harvey Caudman; sons, J. C. and Earl Rhodes; half-sister, Mrs. Charles Estabrook; half-brothers, Charles, Esta, Harry and Caylor; Charles, Esta, Harry and Caylor; Charles, Esta, Harry and Caylor; Charles, Esta, Harry and Caylor.

MONTICELLO—Frank J. White, 83, Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Pearl Rothrick, Mrs. Myrtle White, Mrs. Ida Wilson, Mrs. Lela Young; sons, William, Delbert.

MOORELAND—Mrs. Carol Reed, 79, Survivors: Husband, Carol; daughter, Mrs. Rola Freeman; brother, C. W. Lamb.

NORFOLK—Isaac E. Hendricks, 59, Survivors: Wife, Cora; son, Clifford; daughter, Mrs. Margaret Robinson; foster-son, Howard Kinner.

NEW ALBAN—John Schmitt, 69, Survivors: Wife, Amelia; sons, Lawrence, Zink, Mrs. Ora Kory, Mrs. Avery Jones, Mrs. Minnie Schmidt; brother, Joseph.

NEWBURGH—Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, 79, Survivors: Husband, Henry; sons, William, Ernest; daughters, Mrs. Rose Elfelder, Miss Kate Hoffman.

PERT—Charles W. Smith, Survivors: Wife, son, Gardner Smith; foster-son, Vern Smith; brothers, Zed, John.

JEFF L. Lavenood, 82, Survivors: Wife, daughters, Mrs. Georgia Gamble, Mrs. Lora Hoy; sons, Royal and Norman Lavenood.

PRINCETON—Miss Ida Minrose Bailey, 58, Survivors: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bailey.

REMINGTON—Mrs. Margaret Rina Spenn, 58, Survivors: Husband, Amos; brothers, Jacob and Edgar Jordan; sisters, Mrs. Dora Moore, Mrs. Blanche Jordan.

RENSSELAIRE—Mrs. Ida Ham, 78, Survivors: None.

ROCHESTER—Frank Ross, 62, Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Bertha Downs Ross; brothers, Samuel and Edward Ross.

ROCKFORD—Mrs. Flora Brand, 46, Survivors: Husband, Wayne; sons, Wayne, Frederick; sisters, Mrs. John Raider, Mrs. Bath Richards; brothers, Joseph and Daniel Miller; mother, Mrs. Sophia Miller; John P. Stillwell, 66, Survivors: Wife, Gertrude; mother, Mrs. Nettie Hutchinson; half-sister, Mrs. Bonnie Kemper.

SOLVE CHICAGO BOMB MYSTERY

Blast at Judge's Home Seven Years Ago Blamed On Kidnaping Touhy.

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—

The mystery of the bombing seven years ago of a judge's home was ended today with a police announcement that the crime was an attempt by members of the old Roger Touhy mob to "frame" a maniacal machine gunner in the employ of an arch enemy—Scarface Al Capone.

Capt. Michael Naughton of the police intelligence unit said Touhy planned the crime after a Capone lieutenant, James (Pur) Sammons, now serving a life term in the Indiana State Prison as an habitual criminal, had attempted to shoot Touhy's brother, Tommy. Touhy mobsters threw the bomb in front of the home of Superior Court Judge John P. McGorty, blinding a boy and disfiguring a girl, both pedestrians. Judge McGorty and his family escaped injury.

Capt. Naughton said Touhy's motive was to make it appear that Sammons or his henchmen had thrown the bomb so that he would be returned to prison. To further the plot the Touhys sent anonymous

letters to McGorty telling him that Sammons was responsible. Sammons was on trial before McGorty in a minor charge at the time.

At least seven men, including a Chicago labor leader, were involved in the crime, Capt. Naughton said. One of the participants, a Touhy gangster now serving a term in a Midwestern prison and seeking to shorten his lengthy term, supplied the information which enabled police to solve the case. His story coincided with facts already gathered by police.

The informer said Roger Touhy made the bomb himself in a Chicago hideout. Touhy is serving a 99-year prison term for the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, one-time Chicago stock dealer.

The informer said Albert (Polly Naze) Kator, one of the defendants in the Factor kidnaping and now serving a 199-year term for murder, threw the bomb from an automobile driven by the labor leader.

FIVE ARE CHARGED AFTER GAMING RAID

Five men-faced gaming charges in Municipal Court today following a raid last night by Inspector Jesse McMurtry and Patrolman L. C. McLaughlin in the 5400 block of E. Washington St.

Boris Rothberg, 33, of 5307 E. Washington St., was charged with keeping a gaming house. The other four were held on charges of visiting a gaming house.

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