

## MANY VIOLATE POSTAL STATUTE

Postmaster Spekenhier Says  
Much Indecent Literature Is Mailed.

### CRIMINALS VIOLATORS.

KELLER RECENTLY CONVICTED  
OF MURDER, COULD HAVE  
BEEN SENT TO FEDERAL PRISON  
FOR POSTAL VIOLATION.

Are many persons using the United States mails for the purpose of sending obscene and lewd matter to another, is a question which has been asked many times since the arrest last week of Mrs. Carl Bertsch of Centerville.

Postmaster J. A. Spekenhier states that it was probable many persons could be arrested and heavily fined and imprisoned for this offense. It is not an infrequent occurrence that the clerks bring to the postmaster a postal card which is believed by them to be suggestive and even lewd and lascivious. This may be by the display of a picture, or it may be in the language used by the sender. For this reason many postal cards are "yanked" out of the mail and the sender receives a sharp note of warning from the postmaster.

Probably the greatest number of violations to this postal law is in the first class matter: in letters sent through the mail. If the authorities attempted to devote their time to the interception of such mail they would have little time for other work, providing the force was not enlarged. Only in cases where the offense is most aggravated, as in the Bertsch-Cheesman case, do the authorities take action.

No doubt many a criminal arrested in this city who escapes with a light fine, because his offense does not justify a heavier one, could be sent to prison for a long sentence for postal violations. In nearly every instance these men have suggestive pictures, letters or postal cards on their person, which have been received from women. The authorities could not, however, devote their time to investigating such cases because of the expense. If Sherman Keller, colored, who pleaded guilty to the charge of first degree murder, for the murder of William B. Thornton last October, had been found not guilty, there is every reason to believe that he could have been sent to prison for violation of the postal laws. Sherman Wilson, another negro, arrested recently for petit larceny who was fined and sentenced by Judge Fox last week and who figured in the attempt at a jail delivery with Sherman Keller, it is stated, had indecent literature upon his person.

The judgment which may be meted out for such an offense as provided for by the federal laws is from a small fine to imprisonment for five years and a fine of \$5,000.

"Many queer reasons are advanced by servant girls for losing a place," said the manager of the employment bureau, but the queerest I have ever heard was given by a girl who blew in here last week. Her late mistress was a bridge fiend. One day for the want of money to bet, she and her friends played with their made for stakes. At the end of the game each woman considered herself in honor bound to stick to her agreement, and an attempt was really made to swap servants according to the ups and downs of the game. Some of the girls thus raffled off changed places willingly enough, but that client of mine refused to be swapped, and hustled around hunting a new job."

The Celtic, which is to take supplies and gifts to the battleship fleet, is at Brooklyn navy yard and will not leave until early in January.

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## ON THE VERY VERGE OF WAR



The picture at the top gives a bird's-eye view of Guaira, the principal seaport of Venezuela. Immediately below is the acting president Vicente Gomez, who is in charge of affairs during President Castro's absence in Europe. The picture at the right is from a recent photograph of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. It was announced by the secretary of the American legation last Thursday, that the Holland and Venezuela had declared war. Affairs between the two countries have been critical for some time.

## EMMA NOT WANTED

Queen of Reds Ordered to De-  
camp From Spokane,  
Washington.

### SHE PREDICTS ANARCHY

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—When Emma Goldman, recognized queen of the reds, who, with Ben Reitan, self-styled "king of tramps," is making a tour of the world, found she could not obtain a hall, church or storeroom in Spokane to expound the fiery doctrines, she left for Puget Sound, predicting that Spokane will be the cradle of the new revolution, in which the International Workers of the World and several other societies are the leaders. The pair had planned to remain here two or three days, but their visit was cut short, when they learned that the gospel of discontent is not popular in Spokane. However, Miss Goldman declared that Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will soon be the strongholds of anarchy in the United States. To use her own words, she is going around the world to feel the pulse of anarchy in every nation and plan for national development of the doctrine in a larger measure than it has ever been attempted in the past, provided God, the police and my pocketbook permit me to travel that far." She will sail for Australia the latter part of January.

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"On my last trip through country towns," said a travelling man, "I met a drummer who had a queer side line. He was buying up old church organs and was shipping the wood back to a violin manufacturer in New York. He said that the maker of violins thought that wood that had done service in one of those little cabinet organs was the best he could find for the average fiddle and he paid the drummer a small commission on every worn-out organ he could pick up."

At the International Road Congress, held recently in Paris, thirty nations were represented by about 2,000 delegates.

## News of Surrounding Towns

### ECONOMY, IND.

Economy, Dec. 23.—Joe and Charley Williams of Muncie were here Monday on business.

Dr. J. B. and Mrs. Clark will spend several days in Indianapolis, the guests of their son Dr. Ed Clark.

John Replogle and Lon Edwards saved Wood Monday afternoon.

Leander Anderson finished moving from here to Williamsburg Monday.

John Taylor and Elvin Oler were shipping stock at Modoc Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark were in Richmond Monday.

Ernest Replogle and Byram Beard arrived home Monday morning, after a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cain were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haxton recently.

George Ballenger is now home from Farmland where he spent a few days.

Mrs. Fenimore and children arrived from Muncie Monday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Stanley and Miss Alma Cleveland, Earlham students, arrived Monday evening to remain with their parents during the holidays.

Jake Williams and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams in town.

Master Howard Fenimore of Muncie arrived here Monday afternoon to be the guest of his grandparents for a few days.

There will be an entertainment given Thursday afternoon at the high school building by the scholars.

Edmond Clark lost a large steer Monday afternoon.

Several Hagerstown parties were here transacting business today.

There will be an entertainment given Monday evening at Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wooters are entertaining company today.

Rob Morrison of near Carlos City is in poor health.

Several strangers were in town Monday.

### HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Hagerstown, Ind., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Paul Cain and Mrs. Lon Cain of near Economy were at Hagerstown Monday afternoon.

Sherman Brooks of Greensfork spent Monday at Hagerstown.

Wm. Burgess of Knightstown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burgess, Monday.

George Fulkerson is spending a few days at Hamilton, O.

Mrs. Lottie Smith has returned from a two months stay with her son Reed and wife at Winchester.

Isaac Hayes of Muncie spent from Monday until Wednesday here and attended the funeral of Robert Smith.

At a regular meeting of the council Monday night, Dr. F. C. Lamar was re-elected as health officer.

Hagerstown school board met in regular session and made a settlement for the first half of the school year. School will close Thursday evening, Dec. 24th for the holidays, opening Monday, Jan. 4.

Miss Lorene Stewart will spend the holidays with her sister Mrs. Waldo Coryell at Greensburg, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and son spent a part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray at Richmond.

Arch Knapp returned Tuesday morning from a two days stay at Muncie.

The Ladies History club will not have its regular meeting next week but will meet on Jan. 4 with Mrs. Mary Starr on Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beeson were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beeson, east of town.

### GREENSFORK, IND.

Greensfork, Ind., Dec. 23.—Ross Hiatt has a position with John F. Clawson on the telephone line.

Mrs. Charles Roller has returned to Richmond after a visit with relatives here.

George Stump of Hillgrove, Ohio, is visiting his sister Mrs. Eva Mullen.

Miss Ethel Gifford has returned from a few days visit with relatives at Fountain City.

Howard Gaylor, substitute clerk left Tuesday for Cincinnati to take his run.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett Wisehart spent Monday in Richmond.

Mrs. Mardie Bennett has returned from a visit with relatives in Richmond.

Charles Boyd is able to be out again after several days illness.

Mrs. John Roller has returned from a short visit in Richmond.

Trustee Boyd and wife spent Monday in Richmond.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the Methodist church Thursday evening.

There were about forty from here doing Christmas shopping in Richmond Monday.

William Hatfield made a business trip to Richmond Tuesday.

The old family horse of Ellen Bond died Monday at the age of twenty years.

The members of the Friends and Christian Sunday schools will give an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Friends church Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wilber McMahan has returned to her home in Centerville after a short visit with her mother Mrs. Mary Brown.

### CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

Cambridge City, Ind., Dec. 23.—Mrs. George Cary and children, of Muncie, are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobbs of Ridgeport, will spend Christmas with Dr. H. B. Boyd and family.

S. L. Rariden has returned to his home in New York, after a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Ayler.

Mrs. C. T. Wright spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green of Germantown, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Will Hunt made a business trip to Richmond Monday.

Stanley Guyton of Richmond spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Roy Copeland made a business trip to Anderson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Macy will

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