

MAIL DELAYED BY INCOMPETENTS CHARGES BRITTEN

Representative Repeats Story
of German Spy Evidence
Being Stolen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Fred Britten of Illinois reiterated today before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department, investigating mail censorship in New York, that there were aliens among the Government employees and that evidence of the German spy system had been stolen from the New York Post Office. He maintained his original position despite official denials, and asserted that he based his statement upon information given to him by James V. Forster, a former employee of the Committee on Public Information.

Mr. Britten testified that a great deal of the censorship in New York City was conducted by aliens, that there was an appalling lack of system, and that of the 250 employees engaged in this work only thirty were experts in handling mail. Because of the lack of system and the employment of aliens, the safety of registered mail, he declared, was constantly endangered. The confusion, said Mr. Britten, was increasing rather than giving way to a system.

"These facts were all given me by James V. Forster, who was formerly connected with the New York office," said Mr. Britten. "He was employed by the Committee on Public Information, but is no longer in that service. Mr. Forster is prepared to testify under oath of the theft of evidence of the German spy system, and also to present sworn affidavits of others to the effect."

"Roughnecks" Employed.

Criticism of the system at Chelsea, the New York terminal, where mail for the soldiers in France is handled, was expressed by Gilbert E. Hyatt. He testified that the employees were nearly all untrained and that "Coney Island roughnecks" were employed on important work for which they were not qualified. These men, he said, did not have any responsibility, and appeared to have no desire to expedite the transportation of mails to France.

"There is indescribable confusion there, no preparation and no apparent means being taken by the Government to remedy the condition," Mr. Hyatt asserted.

E. J. Ryan testified along the same line. He read a letter received by him from a railway mail clerk on duty in France, in which the writer said he "had never seen anything like it, and it is no wonder that the boys over there wonder what is the matter with their friends at home." Mr. Ryan said that Christmas mail had been delayed so long in the Chelsea terminal that it did not leave there until Jan. 16.

Long Delay.

Representative John J. Rogers of Massachusetts, who recently returned from France, told the committee that the average time in getting a letter from the United States to France was seven weeks. He said that a great deal of the inefficiency was due to the military authorities in Europe, although he insisted that there were unpardonable delays in transmission on this side.

Representative Huddleston of Alabama said that the War Department had sent an order to a commanding officer dated Sept. 26, ordering the discharge of a private named Gallagher. The man had enlisted when under 18 years of age without the permission of his parents. The orders were received in France on Nov. 6, by which time Gallagher had been sent into the first line trenches. Soon after going there he was captured and is now a German prisoner.

"The only redeeming feature of this condition is that no favor is shown to officers of high rank," continued the witness, who told of a visit to the Chelsea terminal, where mail was piled so high that shovels had to be used to clear a passage way.

One of the witnesses testified that cigarettes addressed to American soldiers apparently had been stolen in transit, as letters notifying the boys of their being sent came without the cigarettes. This evil has become so great that cigarette manufacturers are now devising means to disguise their packages so their contents cannot be detected.

THOUGHTS TO THINK ABOUT

Nature lives by law and that law is love. Law plus love is the Omnipotent Thinker.

Misfortunes seen are not so formidable as misfortunes expected. Distance magnifies expected evils.

Delay all action when anger comes to visit you. Then its leaving will be without sorrow because of damage done.

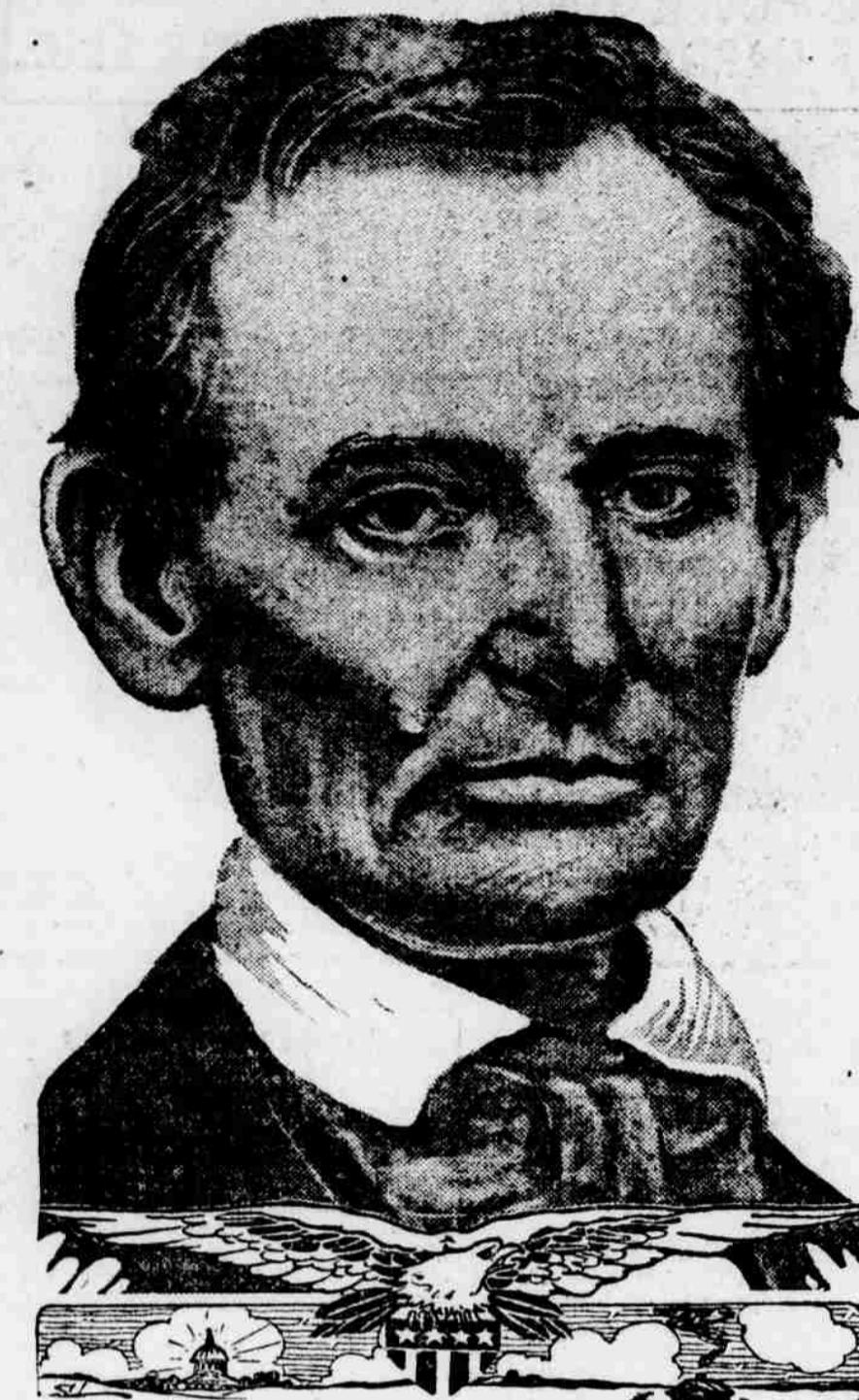
The first word tells the story. Like newspaper headlines, the index words of the classified advertisements tell what each one is about.

Requests 1,000 Sewing Machines for France

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Dr. C. W. A. Veditz, commercial attaché of the American embassy in Paris, has transmitted to the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce here, a request for 1,000 American sewing machines for use by French relief agencies engaged in making garments for refugees returned from re-conquered French territory.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c.—adv.

THIS PICTURE, LINCOLN SAID, MADE HIM PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES



Abraham Lincoln used to call the above photograph "The Picture That Made Me President." It is one of the less familiar portraits of the martyr president and was taken in 1860. Lincoln had at that time been a national figure for two years, thanks to the reputation the Lincoln-Douglas debates had given him. After his famous Cooper Institute speech in February, 1860, he sat for this photograph at Brady's studio. It shows the Lincoln that Illinois knew best. It was used extensively in the campaign which resulted in his election.

(The following are some of the best of the many intimate Lincoln stories. They have been selected from George R. Lamb's "Lincoln."—Editor.)

At the very outset of the war summary men from New York urged Mr. Lincoln to draw away Confederate armies from Washington by naval attacks upon southern seaports. It reminded him, he said, of a New Salem, Ill., girl who was troubled with a "singing in her head," for which there seemed to be no remedy, but a neighbor promised a cure if they would "make a plaster of psalm tunes and apply to her feet and draw the singing down there."

At the time when General Burn-

side's force was besieged in Knoxville, Tenn., with an apparent danger of being starved into surrender, a telegram came one day from Cumberland Gap, announcing that "Firing is heard in the direction of Knoxville."

"Glad of it!" exclaimed Mr. Lincoln. "Why should you be glad of it?" asked a friend, who was present, in some surprise.

"Why, you see," he explained, "it reminds me of Mrs. Sallie Ward, a neighbor of mine. She had a very large family. Occasionally one of her numerous progeny would be heard crying in some out-of-the-way place, and she would exclaim, 'There's one of my children that isn't dead yet!'

There was an ignorant man who

once applied to Mr. Lincoln for the post of doorman to the house. This man had no right to ask Lincoln for anything. It was necessary to repulse him. But Lincoln repulsed him gently and whimsically, without hurting his feelings, in this way:

"So you want to be doorman at the House, eh?"

"Yes, Mr. President."

"Well, have you ever been a doorman? Have you ever had any experience of doormanship?"

"Umphoo."

"Have you ever attended lectures on doormanship?"

"No, sir."

"Have you ever read any text on the subject?"

"No."

"Have you ever conversed with anyone who has read such a book?"

"No, sir, I'm afraid not, sir."

"Well, then, my friend, don't you see that you haven't a single qualification for this important post?" said Lincoln in a reproachful tone.

"Yes, I do," said the applicant, and he took leave humbly, almost gratefully.

A Western senator who had failed of a re-election brought his successor one day and introduced him to the president. Lincoln, in reply, expressed his gratification at making the acquaintance of a new senator. "Yet," he added, "I hate to have old friends like Senator W— go away. And—another thing—I usually find that a senator or representative out of business is a sort of lame duck. He has to be provided for." When the two gentlemen had withdrawn, I took the liberty of saying that Mr. W— did not seem to relish that remark. Weeks after, when I had forgotten the circumstances, the president said, "You thought I was rude to Senator W— the other day. Well, now he wants Commissioner Dole's place!" Mr. Dole was then commissioner of Indian affairs.

"Sure, your excellency," replied Edward; "you're only a second-hand president, you know."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS—

BORN in Hardin county, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809.

MADE CAPTAIN of a company in Richland, Ill., for service on the Black Hawk war, April 21, 1832.

ELECTED CONGRESSMAN

from Illinois in 1846.

ACCLAIMED ORATOR in 1858

after his famous slavery debates

with Senator Douglas.

ELECTED PRESIDENT of the

United States November 6, 1860.

HAILED SLAVES' EMANCIPATOR

by virtue of his proclamation

issued January 1, 1863.

SHOT AND KILLED by John

Wilkes Booth in Ford's theater,

Washington, the night of April

14, 1865.

furnish a special train for the funeral of General Harrison?"

"Yes," said the superintendent,

stroking his whiskers; "and if you will

only bring your father here in that

shape, you shall have the best train

on the road."

Once when a delegation visited him and urged emancipation before he was ready, he argued that he could not enforce it, and, to illustrate, asked them:

"How many legs will a sheep have if you call a tail a leg?" They answered, "Five." "You are mistaken," said Lincoln, "for calling a tail a leg don't make it so," and that exhibited the fallacy of their position more than twenty syllables.

HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Adam Geisler slipped on the ice Thursday, fracturing a rib. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Bright have moved to their farm. . . . Mrs. Laura Gehhart has been sick for a few days. . . . Union services were held Sunday night at the M. E. church. Rev. Troutt, pastor of the Christian church preached and there was a short talk by Rev. Gruber, pastor of the Methodist church. There was a large chorus of voices. Mrs. Fred Murray directed and Miss Lillian Benbow presided at the piano. There was an orchestra of several pieces and a pleasing violin number by Mrs. Joe Teeter. A quartet composed of the following men sang: Jesse Replogle, James Knapp, Fred Murray and Harry Farlow. The union services next Sunday night will be held at the Christian church and in addition to the program of song and sermon will be a few stereopticon views. There has been a business change in the dry goods store of Replogle and Harlan. George Harlan, who came here from Newcastle and has been connected in the business with Jesse Replogle for several years has bought Mr. Replogle's half interest in the store and will continue the business. . . . Daniel Cordell fell Monday while working at the new house, which Ora Smith is building. He injured his back and will be unable to work for some time. . . . Lothair and Macy Teeter will arrive Tuesday to spend a week at their home "Literact." They are students at the Wisconsin University. . . . Mrs. Russell Reynolds, who has been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rummel, since the birth of her baby several weeks ago, returned to her home, Anderson, Sunday. She was accompanied by Mr. Reynolds, who came here Saturday. . . . Mr. Johnson of Fort Wayne has bought of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones their home near here, paying \$7,000, and will take possession the first of March. The Johnsons will move here. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elias Worl will move soon from their North Elm street home to a farm they recently bought on the Williamsburg and Richmond pike. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Bagford will move to Richmond soon. . . . The Priscilla club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. A. E. Smith. . . .

LIST OF LOST IS REDUCED FURTHER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The list of the Tuscania's unaccounted for was further reduced today by the checking of a number of men who were sick or injured in hospitals in Ireland. Reports to the war department indicate the sick and injured are making satisfactorily toward recovery. No Indiana or Ohio men are among those mentioned.

With these men definitely recorded today as survivors the list of those not yet reported as survivors number 328. This number is expected to be materially reduced when the war department obtains confirmation of the list from senior officers in Ireland.

The Eastern Star held installation Friday night at the Masonic building and served refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and pickles. Mrs. Meissner of Indianapolis, the grand matron, was the installing officer and Mrs. Walter Dalbey of Richmond, grand marshal, acted as marshal. The officers installed were: Mrs. Oliver M. Deardorff, worthy matron; Charles E. Werning, associate matron; L. M. Branman, secretary; Dr. O. M. Deardorff, treasurer; Mrs. Newton Stover, conductor; Mrs. Otto Wiegand, associate conductor; Mrs. Charles E. Werning, warden; Martin Knapp, sentinel; Mrs. Charles Bertram, Ada; Mrs. Charles Marshal, Esther; Mrs. Lee Brannan, Martha; Mrs. Leslie B. Davis, Electa. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Werning received word from their son Paul, that he is under a 14 days' scarlet fever quarantine, there being a case in his rooming house. Paul is a student in the Carnegie Technical school at Pittsburgh, Pa., and is now taking his third year course in architecture. He works during the college vacation in his father's office in Richmond. This school is now spending four hours each day in military training and Paul is taking officers' training.

A Shampoo Worth Trying

It is not necessary to shampoo your hair so frequently if it is entirely and properly cleansed each time by the use of a really good shampoo. The easiest to use and quickest drying shampoo that we can recommend to our readers is one that brings out all the natural beauty of the hair and may be enjoyed at very little expense, by dissolving a teaspoonful of Canthor, which can be obtained from any druggists, in a cup of hot water. This makes a full cup of shampoo liquid, enough so it is easy to apply it to all the hair instead of just to the top of the head. This when rubbed into the scalp and onto every strand of hair, chemically dissolves all impurities. It is very soothing and cooling in its action, as well as beneficial to both scalp and hair. After rinsing out the lather so created, you will find the scalp is fresh, clean and free from dandruff, while the hair dries quickly and evenly, developing a bright luster and a soft fullness and makes it seem very heavy.—Adv.

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