

POSTOFFICE OFFICIALS DECLARE XMAS MAIL VOLUME IS LACKING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Whether the people of the country are ignoring the "mail early" slogan of the post-office department or have experienced a strong subsidence of the Christmas spirit of giving is a question over which the department today expressed considerable concern. There has been practically no increase in the volume of mails due to Christmas mailing up to the present time, said an announcement by the department, whereby by Dec. 15 last year, the mails had increased 50 per cent above normal.

"The people of the United States either have curtailed their Christmas mailing this year or are putting it off until the last minute," the announcement said. "Until last Tuesday reports throughout the country showed no sign whatever of an increase in the volume of mail and the increase shown by reports on that day's movement of mail was so little as to be negligible."

Volume is Lacking
Whereas last year more than one-fifth of the entire Christmas mail had been handled, the department said, "this year, practically none can be accounted for."

"The public was warned that congestion could not be avoided" if the negligible increase in the volume of mail meant that Christmas mailing was being put off until the last few days, "even assuming that it is to be very much lighter this year than last." A great volume of parcel post dumped into the mails just before Christmas day, with the effect on train movements of bad weather conditions to be expected at this season would "threaten to swamp the service," the announcement said.

Telegraphic reports showing the volume of mail being handled at the volume of mail being handled at the various distributing points were quoted as follows:

Mail Light Generally
"New York—no apparent increase." Boston—"Mails still light." Chicago—"Bulk of mail not more than 15 per cent above normal." Cincinnati—"Mails show only a slight increase." Cleveland—"Conditions normal." Pittsburgh—"No abnormal receipt of mail." Atlanta—"Noticeable decrease in volume from same period last year." Omaha—"Increase in parcel post from 20 to 30 per cent." Seattle—"Only slight increase."

Points reporting "no congestion" included San Francisco, St. Paul, New Orleans and St. Louis.

The volume of mail handled by the Richmond postoffice equals that of previous years in the month of December, shows a greater volume than for the same dates last year, Postmaster Beck stated Wednesday. Evidently local people are observing the mail early slogan, as mail for distant points has been coming in for some time, the postmaster added.

SOCIETY

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here next Wednesday for a short visit before going to her home in Decatur.

Miss Stella Knobe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver T. Knobe of South Fourteenth street, will arrive Friday from Virginia college, Roanoke, Va., to spend the holidays.

Ryan and Norman Jenkins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jenkins of East Main street, who are attending Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind., will come next Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Carleton Smith will come next week from the University of Missouri at Rolla, Mo., where he is taking a course in mining engineering, to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith of North Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Charles E. Flook of South Seventeenth street is spending the week-end in Indianapolis, the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilhelm and children, Mary and Harry, of Troy, O., are spending the week with R. Greulich and family of North Tenth street.

Mrs. George Shortle of Tipton, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. Juliet Shirk of North Eleventh street.

The Golden Rule class of First M. E. church met with Mrs. C. C. Thomas Wednesday evening. Twenty-one members, five visitors and a number of husbands of members were present. A short musical program was given by Mrs. Thomas and Miss Swisher and the evening was spent informally. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Brammer, Mrs. Crain, Miss Swisher, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Genn assisting the hostess.

A market and bazaar will be held at Stitt and Wessner's millinery store in the Westcott block Friday and Saturday, by the East End Aid society of the First Christian church.

A bazaar will be held in Piehl's Electric store Saturday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid society of the First English Lutheran church.

The bazaar of the Joseph Moore Parent-Teacher's association will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, at Weiss's Furniture store, 505 Main street.

The Four Corners club will meet at 2 p. m. Friday with Mrs. Henry Vogel-song, 328 South Ninth street.

The King's Daughters class of the South Eighth street Friends' church will hold its monthly meeting Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Laura Dickinson, 1828 Main street. All members are urged to be present.

NEW OFFICIAL OF THE U. S. TREASURY IS YOUNGEST ONE



Ewing La Porte.

Ewing La Porte, appointed assistant secretary of the treasury, is said to be the youngest man to hold that position. He was graduated from the law school of Washington University in 1916. He served in the army for a while and then was made attaché of the American legation at the Hague. He has been in the treasury office since.

HAPSBURG TAPESTRIES FURNISH CASH FOR PURCHASE OF FLOUR

(By Associated Press)
VIENNA, Dec. 16.—When by purchase, gift and inheritance the house of Hapsburg acquired the 900 or more tapestries comprising the most superb collection in the world its members hardly foresaw that some day they would be pawned to buy bread for a succeeding republic.

The Reparations commission having given its consent, the government is now trying to raise enough money to cash these tapestries to purchase 50,000 tons of flour against the imminent exhaustion of the supply on hand. The bread ration has been reduced to 20 percent wheat flour content, with 50 percent corn meal and 30 percent rye. The best that can be said of the resulting bread is that a very hungry person can eat a little of it.

Syndicate May Give Cash.
It is understood that a movement is on foot for the organization of an international syndicate to advance the required amount of cash. The plan contemplates that the tapestries pledged will be carefully selected from the various schools represented in the collection and these in part or in whole will be put on exhibition in the great cities of Europe and America.

For some months the fine of these weaves have been on exhibition in the Belvedere Palace here, exposed for the first time to the public. Always they have been kept either in the Hofburg or Schoenbrunn palaces, brought out on rare state occasions in the days of the monarchy to decorate the great salons. The largest of them barely find space on the side walls of the vast apartments in the Belvedere, where daily hundreds of persons pay the small admission fee to feast on the wealth of color, while in every room artists at easels copy them.

Railway Telegraphers and Agents Strike in Mexico

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—A general strike of railway telegraphers and station agents which was called yesterday has been averted. Several demands made by the men have been granted and others will be submitted to arbitration, these demands including recognition of the union, wage increases, shorter hours, and indemnities for personal injury. Paralysis of the National railway lines was threatened by the proposed strike.

RUSSIAN COUNT, TRADE OFFICIAL, DETAINED IN U. S.



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Count A. Cherup Spiridovitch, recently arrived from Russia, is detained at Ellis Island, have aroused interest in the count's mission. He was a major general in the imperial Russian army and came ostensibly for personal interest capital and labor in the coal mines of south Russia.

Christmas Entertainments Held in Many Local Churches Sunday

Appropriate Christmas services or entertainments will be held in several Richmond churches Sunday, Dec. 19. Other churches are planning to hold cantatas or exercises during the week of Christmas, on Christmas day, or the following Sunday.

Annual observance of Anti-Saloon League day also will be a feature of Sunday services. Speakers, most of whom are from Indianapolis, will appear in local pulpits at either the morning or evening meetings, to address the congregations in the interest of state anti-saloon work. Special offerings for the organization will be taken.

First Christian church will have a playlet by children of the Sunday school, "White Gifts for the King." It will be given at the Sunday school hour, 9:15 a. m., Dec. 19. This exercise is given each year, with changes in the program. Members of the church are to bring gifts of food or clothing wrapped in white. Perishable goods will be distributed locally, church institution. There will be a church institution. There will be a speaker representing the anti-saloon league at the morning service.

Aid Starving Children.
"Christ and the Sistine Madonna," will be the subject for the morning sermon at the Grace Methodist church, next Sunday. The Rev. A. H. Backus will give a description of the painting which he saw. He will also have small copies of the famous picture distributed among members of the church. A Christmas chest will be placed in a convenient position in the auditorium. All money contributed to the fund will be used in the interest of the starving children of Europe. A Christmas tree and treats for the children will be given at an entertainment to be held Friday night, Dec. 24.

An entertainment in observance of Christmas will be given at 5 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 19, at the South Eighth street Friends church. The occasion is termed the "White Gift Christmas." Students of the Sunday school will bring presents wrapped in white and lay them at the foot of an eight-foot cross. These gifts will be distributed among the local poor. Children will sing hymns and recitations will be given. Following the entertainment stockings of candy will be placed for the children. The primary department of the church will stage the bulk of the exercises.

Friends Vesper Service.
A Christmas Vesper service will be held at 5 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 19, at the West Richmond Friends church. Following is the musical program: chorus, "The Birthday of a King," Neidlinger; ladies' chorus, "Hallelujah Christ Jesus," Lubner; tenor solo, "The Christ Child," Coombs; ladies' chorus, "Jesus Gentle Saviour," Shelley; chorus, "The Angels Message," Drexler. The Rev. Charles M. Woodman will be in charge of the devotional services.

R. C. Minton, attorney for the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, will speak at the church Sunday morning. Following is the musical program: chorus, "The Birthday of a King," Neidlinger; ladies' chorus, "Hallelujah Christ Jesus," Lubner; tenor solo, "The Christ Child," Coombs; ladies' chorus, "Jesus Gentle Saviour," Shelley; chorus, "The Angels Message," Drexler. The Rev. Charles M. Woodman will be in charge of the devotional services.

Entertaining Primary Class.
Mrs. Russell Cox will be hostess to her class from the primary department of the First Baptist church, Sunday afternoon. Christmas services, however, will not be celebrated at the church until Sunday evening, Dec. 26. The Baptist Young People's union will

be in charge of the meeting, with J. W. Cox leading. "Christian Giving," is the topic for the evening. A person representing Santa Claus will distribute bible mottoes to members present, with the request that they be followed during the ensuing year. S. P. McNaught will speak at the evening service, Sunday, Dec. 19, in the interest of anti-saloon field day.

The main Christmas celebration at the First Methodist church will be Wednesday night, Dec. 22. No prepared program is to be followed, however, as it is planned to make the evening one of informal sociability. Gifts will be hung on a Christmas tree, and later given to Richmond's poor. Both Sunday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 26, will be marked by special Christmas music in the services. Mr. Robinson, Anti-Saloon League field manager will speak at the morning service, Sunday, Dec. 19.

Children Give Program.
St. John's Lutheran church will hold its Christmas celebration on Christmas night. It will be presented largely by children. A 5 a. m. service and one at 10 a. m. will be held Christmas day, and be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. A. L. Nicklas.

Persons in charge of the Christmas entertainment at the St. Paul's Lutheran church have announced that the children will feature the service, Sunday night, Dec. 26. A service will be held at 5 a. m. Christmas day. E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, will speak at the morning church service Sunday, Dec. 19.

A cantata, "The Christmas Hope," will be presented at the Third Methodist church Wednesday night, Dec. 22. It will be led by a chorus of 38 voices. There will be a number of recitations. An offering to be taken will go to the Near East relief. J. C. Everson, of Indianapolis, will speak as representative of the Anti-Saloon League, Sunday morning, Dec. 19.

Tableau at Trinity.
Trinity Lutheran church will present "The Christ Story," in tableau, Christmas night. Students of the Sunday school will take part. There will be a chorus, and drills. A service at 5 a. m. will be in charge of the Rev. O. T. F. Tresselt, pastor of the church. Orphan of the Warble home will give an entertainment at the church Sunday night, Dec. 26.

The First English Lutheran church will have a Sunday school entertainment on Christmas night. A devotional service will be held at 9 a. m. Christmas day, and be in charge of the Rev. F. A. Dressel. A Christmas musical program will be presented at 4 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. An offering for the anti-saloon league will be taken at the morning service next Sunday, Dec. 19.

Second English Lutheran church will have special morning and evening services on Sunday, Dec. 26. The evening meeting will be an entertainment. An anti-saloon league representative will speak at the morning service Sunday, Dec. 19.

Speak Against Saloon.
A Christmas service will be held at Reid Memorial United Presbyterian church next Thursday night, Dec. 23. E. A. Miles, of Indianapolis, will speak in the interest of the anti-saloon league, Sunday morning, Dec. 19.

The local United Brethren church is planning a Christmas program for Sunday night, Dec. 26. It will consist of special music and appropriate exercises.

East Main street Friends church will stage a musical cantata on Sunday evening, Dec. 19. The Rev. E. M. Barney, anti-saloon league speaker, will address the congregation Sunday

morning, Dec. 19. Following is the complete program of the cantata, to be held in the evening:

"Joy to the World," (Handel), Choir and congregation; Prayer, E. Howard Brown; The 67th Psalm, Benjamin Goddard (Choir with soprano solo Mrs. Ennis Hadley); "My Saviour Leads Me All the Way," (J. T. Walcott), Tenor Solo, Mr. Thomas P. Wilson, Y. M. C. A. city; piano accomp.; "The Angel," (A. Rubinstein), Ladies' Chorus; "An Old Sacred Lullaby," (Liddle), soprano solo, Miss Ruth Bishop; "I Will Love Thee, O Lord," (Christian Kriens), Choir with soprano solo, Miss Ruth Foulke; Brief Talk, by E. Howard Brown; Offertory, (Piano Solo), Mrs. Roy Campbell; A Christmas Cantata.

No. 1, "Prepare Ye the Way," opening chorus; No. 2, "O'er the Silent Eastern Hills," (Choir with soprano and alto duet), Mrs. Charles Spaulding and Mrs. Jesse Parrshall; No. 3, "Follow the Guiding Star," choir; No. 4, "Glorious Morn," choir; No. 5, "And There Were Shepherds," contralto solo, Mrs. Charles Spaulding, women's chorus, Mrs. Charles Spaulding, soprano and baritone duet, Mrs. Emma Hadley and Edward Mote; No. 11, "There Is Room in My Heart," double quartet; No. 12, "Come and Worship," choir, benediction, E. Howard Brown. Ernest E. Reid, musical director; Mrs. Roy Campbell, pianist; E. Howard Brown, pastor.

Probe Strike of the Rail Organizations

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—W. A. Turner, vice-president of the Order of Railway conductors, and Val Fitzpatrick, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, are scheduled to appear here today before the railroad labor board to show cause why they issued a strike referendum to members of their organizations on the Norfolk and Western railroad in violation of the transportation act.

SPANISH ENVOY SPEAKS.

(By Associated Press)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15.—Marquis de Ampos, the new Spanish ambassador to Argentina was received by President Irigoyen today. During their interview, they spoke briefly, recalling the friendly ties which have existed between Spain and Latin America.

TAKE CHILEAN CENSUS

(By Associated Press)
SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 16.—Enumerators were busy today taking a census of the Chilean republic. Estimates of the number of residents of the republic place the population at about 4,000,000 of which number 500,000 live in Santiago.

Products Hoosier Boys and Girls Worth \$441,867

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 15.—The 21,349 boys and girls in Indiana, who were members of agricultural clubs in the state during the past year, produced products worth almost a half million dollars, \$441,867, to be exact, and earned a profit of \$218,411, the annual report of Z. M. Smith, state club leader, and supervisor of Agricultural Education shows. Of the 26,869 youngsters enrolled at the beginning of the season, just 80 per cent, or well above 21,000 carried their work through the summer on the high scale set by Indiana club leaders, and then made a suitable report. Practically every county in the state was represented.

NOTED NATURALIST, HAIL AND HEARTY "PEDALS HIS OWN"



Luther Burbank out for a bicycle ride.

Luther Burbank, the well-known naturalist, now past the three-score-and-ten mark, attributes his good health to his early life on a farm and to continued outdoor exercise and recreation. He is noted as the originator of various new apples, peaches, nuts, berries and other valuable tree fruits, flowers, grasses, grains and vegetables, on his experimental farm at Santa Rosa, Cal. He spends much of his recreation time on his bicycle.

spent the past year with one or more clubs, a total of 776 having been organized.

Palladium Want Ads Pay

Butler Squad Leaves on Barnstorming Tour

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Coach Pat Page and his squad of ten Butler college basketball hopefuls left here tonight for a week's trip in the north that will be the biggest athletic stunt ever attempted by an athletic team representing the Indianapolis college. The Butler quintet meets Purdue at Lafayette Friday night for the first time in years and then goes on to Chicago to hook up with Stagg's Maroons in the Midway gym on Saturday night for the first time since the early 90's. Butler hopes to gain a world of experience and practice from the trip, as Chicago and Purdue were the best five in the west last winter and have great prospects for this season.

The Butler squad will remain in Chicago over the week-end as the guests of the Maroons, meeting the Chicago squad in several practice games on Monday and Tuesday. Butler plays the All Collegians, a combination of university alumni, at Bloomington, Ill., on Tuesday night, December 22. All efforts to book a return game with Armour Tech at Chicago which Butler defeated early this season, have apparently been abandoned.

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