

**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, whereas 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 Dec. 15 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 concession 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 post office equals that of previous years and in some cases 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 have been coming in for some time, the postmaster added.

SOCIETY

(Continued from Page Four) here next Wednesday for a short visit before going to her home in the West.

Miss Stella Knode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver T. Knode 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.

Mr. 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. Gruettlich 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. Kramer, 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' Furniture store, 505 Main street.

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

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

CENTRE DECLINES GAME.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Central college has declined the invitation to play Columbia in football here next autumn, it was announced today by Eob Watt, Columbia graduate manager. The manager of the Kentucky eleven said the team which is scheduled to play Harvard at Cambridge will be unable to make more than one trip north.

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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 was then 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 on 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 finest of these weaves have been on exhibition in the Belvidere Palace here, exposed for the first time to the public eye. They have been kept either in the Hofburg or Schönbrunn 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 sidewalls of the vast apartments in the Belvidere, 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.

Paralytic of the National railway lines was threatened by the proposed strike.

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



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**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 feelings 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 speaker representing the anti-saloon league 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 Indianapolis 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. 2. 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. Tressel, pastor of the church. Orphans of the Wernie 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 6 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 anti-saloon league will be 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.

Speaks 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 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. Emma Hadley); "My Savior Leads Me All the Way," (J. T. Wolcott), Tenor Solo, Mr. Thomas P. Wilson, Y. M. C. A. city; piano accom.; "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 Fouke; Brief Talk, by E. Howard Brown; Offertory, (Piano Solo), Mrs. Roy Campbell; A Christmas Cantata.

No. 1, "Prepare Ye the Way," opening chorale, No. 2, "O'er the Silent Eastern Hills," (choir with soprano and alto duet), Mrs. Charles Spaulding and Mrs. Jessie Parshall; 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 and choir; No. 6, "The Song is Ringing Still," soprano solo, Miss Ruth Bishop; No. 7, "Joy to the World," choir; No. 8, "Cradle Song," mezzo soprano solo, Miss Ruth Fouke; No. 9, "Praise Ye the Lord," choir; No. 10, "Fairest Lord Jesus," 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.

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**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 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 species, peaches, nectarines, 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.

**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 fixes 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 students at Bluffton, 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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