

NEW POSTAGE TO BRITAIN

After October 1 Rate Will Be Two Cents an Ounce.

Had Been Under Consideration Some Time—Will Be a Great Boon to English Who Settle in This Country—Change Will Also Be Great Benefit to Manufacturers.

Washington, June 4.—Postmaster-General Meyer announced today that an agreement had been reached with the British government providing for letter postage of 2 cents an ounce between the United States and Great Britain and Ireland, to become operative October 1, 1908.

The matter of "penny postage," as it is called in England, has been under consideration for some time, and as far back as last July President Roosevelt approved Mr. Meyer's course in urging a "restricted union with England."

On October 1, 1907, the Universal Postal Union, which governs the international postage transactions of the various civilized countries, reduced the rate of letter postage from 5 cents a half-ounce flat to 5 cents per ounce, and 3 cents each additional ounce, which is the present rate between the United States and countries with which we do not have direct steamship communication, but on mail on which we have to pay an additional charge to countries through which it passes in transit. Under the articles of the Universal Union, however, any two states can form a restricted union. Examples of restricted unions are those now existing which permit a 2-cent an ounce letter rate between the United States and Canada.

Postmaster General Meyer believes this reduction in the rate to the United Kingdom ultimately will result in an increase in receipts, because it has been found that a reduction in the letter rate resulted finally in increased revenue. He is also of the opinion that a lower postage will lead to a freer commercial intercourse. Manufacturers, he says, are increasing their sales in England and must rely to a great extent upon mails for orders and increase of trade.

"Further," he stated, "this will be a great boon to our adopted English-speaking citizens and their connection here, as it will enable them to keep up correspondence with their relations and friends in the old country at domestic rates."

PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY.

Honey Feels Enemies May Get Gallagher and Plans Accordingly.

San Francisco, June 4.—Convinced that the "higher-ups" have determined to kill former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney announced yesterday that he will dismiss the case in which Abraham Ruef is charged with bribing former Supervisor J. J. Furey, because Gallagher's testimony before the grand jury led to the indictment.

The testimony of a dead man given before a grand jury cannot be used in future action. Repeated attacks on Gallagher's property with dynamite and continuous threats against his life have led Heney to take steps to prevent the loss of Gallagher's testimony through his death.

It is Heney's purpose to file a new information against Ruef in the same premises and call Gallagher a witness at the preliminary hearing. If his testimony is taken in this way, it will be on record.

The necessity for such unusual methods is believed to be urgent by the members of the prosecution, who fear for their own lives as well as for that of Gallagher.

This probably will be the next procedure against Ruef in the graft cases, and it is proposed to take it as rapidly as possible, as the prosecution believes that the "higher-ups" are becoming more desperate every day.

Scores Perish in Tornado.

Wichita Falls, Tex., June 4.—Scores of persons are believed to be dead in the path of a tornado which is sweeping Texas today. Reports indicate that it is the most terrific of all the storms which have visited this part of the country in the last month. Communication from most of the damaged area is cut off. Wires are down and railroad tracks are blocked. Many small towns are known to have been struck by the twister, but no definite information could be obtained as to the extent of damage this afternoon.

Mississippi on Annual Rampage.

St. Louis, June 4.—The Mississippi river above Quincy, Ill., is rapidly rising, and hundreds of homes have already been abandoned in that vicinity. Great damage to property is reported, but so far no deaths are known to have occurred. The inhabitants who have left the homes which probably will be swept from their foundations if the floods increase, are fleeing to the high elevations to remain until the trouble subsides. The Illinois river bottoms are reported to be inundated.

Steamer Long Overdue.

Norfolk, Va., June 4.—The steamer Europa, which sailed for Hamburg, Germany, 45 days ago, bound in return for Norfolk, loaded with fertilizer, was expected to make the trip within 21 days. Nothing has been heard from her, however, in 41 days.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED.

Entire State of Montana a Vast Waste of Water.

Helena, Mont., June 5.—With the greatest rainfall in 28 years, Montana is experiencing the most complete demoralization of railroad traffic since the first train crossed the Rocky Mountains in this state.

Thousands of passengers are marooned. Six persons are reported drowned; railroad tracks are washed out in every direction. Land slides are reported on the Great Northern near Kallispell and the rivers are rapidly rising. This is the situation briefly summed up:

The property damage to railroads will run into the thousands and many of the big mountain trestles are endangered. There is, as yet, no prospect of a let-up in the downpour. Last night's precipitation is estimated at more than two inches.

It is believed that at least six persons have lost their lives as a result of the high water.

Nine Northern Pacific trains which were held up in the eastern part of the state since last Sunday arrived yesterday and left over the Great Northern tracks. These trains are now stalled at Great Falls, Havre and other points in Northern Montana. On the east of Helena the Great Northern tracks are washed out near Basin and both the morning and evening trains from Butte are held up there.

West of Garrison the tracks were washed out several days ago and no trains have been able to get through for a week. This cuts off all means of transportation to the coast, since the Great Northern trains cannot get through from the north.

One of the leading theatrical companies is held up in Helena now and the probabilities are it will have to remain here a week. The company has cancelled all its dates for several days ahead.

SHOOTS AT DREYFUS.

Military Journalist Seeks Revenge for Insult to French Army.

Paris, June 5.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon yesterday, when the president of France, the premier and a host of ministers of state were taking their departure, Louis Anthemo Gregoris, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point-blank at Major Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won.

Men distinguished in all walks of life filled the Pantheon and, when the shots rang out, there was great excitement in fear that the president had been assassinated, but even the attempt on the life of Major Dreyfus created a profound impression. Soldiers speedily surrounded Gregoris and he was taken to jail, bruised and bleeding, with his clothes almost torn from his back.

Major Dreyfus was not seriously injured. A bullet entered his forearm, but did not injure the bone. At a late hour the official statement was made that his condition was very favorable and that no complications were feared.

With regard to the reasons for Gregoris' act, the opinion prevails in Paris that there is much truth in his avowal that he was driven to the deed by the appeals to hatred with which the anti-Semitic papers have been filled since the government resolved to place the body of Zola in the Pantheon.

PLANS TO HONOR FLEET.

Festivities in Auckland Will Continue Four Days.

Auckland, N. S. W., June 5.—Festivities to last over four days have been arranged for the entertainment of the men of the American battleship fleet and the governor of New Zealand, all the federal officials, the mayors and the municipal authorities are to participate in the welcome. On the arrival of the fleet August 8 there will be an official reception and a review of the volunteers, to be followed by a dinner to the admirals and officers of the fleet in the evening.

A municipal welcome will be given the following day and will include a reception by the mayor of Auckland. August 12 and 13 will be devoted to a visit to Rotouaqua Lake, where there will be entertainments for the Maoris. The governor will entertain the visitors August 14 and this function will be attended by the members of the legislature.

Police Protect Money.

New York, June 5.—A New York, New Haven & Hartford train carrying eight Adams Express company cars, one of which contained \$150,000 in cash, collided with a switch engine in the Bronx yesterday, smashing both engines and derailing the cars. A dense crowd collected about the scene of the wreck, and the reserves were called out to protect the money, which was loose on the floor of the car. The police formed a line about the wrecked cars and held back the crowd until the money could be removed to a place of safety.

McClellan Gains Five.

New York, June 5.—A net gain of four votes for Mayor McClellan was the result of the ballots in the first nine boxes opened yesterday in court in the contested mayoralty election of 1905. The contents of 35 boxes in all were examined during the day and another vote was added to the McClellan total, the mayor's net gain for the day being five votes. From 112 boxes so far opened Hearst's net gain is 118, as against 123 when yesterday's counting was begun.

Typhoon Off Australia.

London, June 5.—A typhoon off the west coast of Australia is believed to have wrecked 40 boats and killed at least 275 sailors. The meager reports received here concerning the supposed sea tragedy say that the boats comprise the great pearl fishing fleet.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CITY

INQUIRY TO CONTINUE.

Wood Pulp Committee to be Very Busy During Summer.

Washington, June 2.—The wood pulp and paper investigation committee of the house, which presented its preliminary report to that body several days ago, will continue its investigations during the recess of congress. It is the purpose of Chairman Mann to gather a great deal of statistical information of the census bureau and the Department of Commerce and Labor during the coming summer. Subcommittees will also be appointed to visit paper mills in different sections of the country and take testimony, and it is possible the full committee will hold a number of meetings.

It is also the desire of Chairman Mann to investigate thoroughly the pulp wood question, and if it is possible the committee will visit Canada for this purpose. Several letters have been sent to the publishers of newspapers who failed to answer the first letter sent by the committee asking for information, and also to paper manufacturers. These letters will be taken by an employee of the census bureau, and the information contained in them put into shape to be of the most benefit to the committee.

Big Drydock for Bremerton.

Washington, June 5.—Revised specifications for the naval drydock to be built at the Bremerton navy yard, on Puget Sound, were completed today by Rear Admiral Holliday, chief of the navy yards bureau. It is expected that the dock will be completed 18 months from July 1, when work is expected to be started. Bids for the construction of the dock have been asked, and it is announced that they will be opened on June 18. The preparations are being carried on with dispatch, and it is not thought that any delay will be permitted. The need of the big navy dock on the Pacific has been made clear by the visit of the Atlantic fleet.

Emergency May Not Arise.

Washington, June 6.—Treasury officials declared today, after a study of the new currency law, there is nothing in the measure which says that clearing house certificates are illegal. They also express the opinion that not a dollar of the authorized emergency currency will ever be issued. Should an emergency arise, they think that clearing house certificates instead of highly taxed emergency currency would be resorted to again. The treasury department is arranging for \$500,000,000 in emergency circulation notes in blank for any bank which might apply for them under the regulations.

New Postage Rates.

Washington, June 6.—Uncle Sam can write to John Bull more frequently next fall, for after October 1 it will cost but 2 cents for each letter instead of 5. Announcement was made today at the office of the postmaster general that an agreement has been perfected by which the letter rate between the United States, England, Ireland and Scotland will be reduced from 5 cents to 2 cents. The charge will mean a saving of much money, as the trans-Atlantic mails have been increasing rapidly in volume.

Will Send More Marines.

Washington, June 6.—Publication of the critical condition of affairs in the republic of Panama, aroused great interest here, and it was announced today that 200 additional marines have been ordered sent to the isthmus at once, with orders to protect American property and help keep order at the coming election. It is also planned to detail on the isthmus a large body of sailors being transferred to and from the Atlantic fleet if conditions do not improve before the election.

Metcalf Files His Complaint.

Washington, June 4.—Secretary Metcalf's complaint, filed with the interstate commerce commission, alleges that the Adams, Northern Pacific and other express companies are gouging the government. It alleges the companies last July charged 40 cents per 100 too much on merchandise to the navy yard at Bremerton. Washington. The amount involved is \$1500. The complaint is a test case to determine the rate.

Held as a Filibuster.

Washington, June 6.—Complying with the request of the state department, the minister of foreign affairs of Honduras has ordered the arrest of F. G. Bailey, former president of the Export Shipping company, of New Jersey, and the detention of the steamer Goldsborough and her cargo. This information came to the department in a dispatch from Minister Dodge at San Salvador, dated Wednesday.

Plague is Still Raging.

Washington, June 4.—The American charge d'affaires at Caracas has advised the state department that since May 25, the date of the reopening of the port of La Guayra, there have been seven cases of plague, two of which are known to have been fatal. The government has caused to be published daily bulletins showing plague conditions. The dispatch also reports one death from the plague at Caracas.

World Trip for Middies.

Washington, June 4.—Of two hundred members of the class at the Annapolis naval academy who will graduate next Friday, 111 have been ordered to report to the Atlantic fleet at San Francisco, July 1. The middies are jubilant over the prospect of the trip to the Far East and home again by way of Suez canal and the Atlantic ocean.

PUT MARINES ON GUARD.

Uncle Sam to be Sure of Fair Election in Panama.

Washington, June 1.—The Panama presidential campaign, which is to culminate in an election the first week in July, has recently developed "revolutionary tendencies" to such an extent as to cause grave concern and the serious intention to employ severe measures on the part of the American government to insure a fair and honest election, probably the first in the history of Central America. The 500 American marines stationed on the isthmus will be detailed to the election places. As some precincts will need no armed supervision, and others will need several troops, they will be distributed where they will do the most good.

The call for a personal report from Minister Squiers is the result, it is explained, of new developments. At the same time, Mr. Squiers may be asked to explain certain newspaper comments to the effect that he has allowed himself to become enthusiastic in favor of one of the candidates. Mr. Squiers will sail for the United States tomorrow.

Railroads in Fear.

Washington, June 5.—Newspaper hammering of the plan to increase rates has resulted in compelling the railroads to desist therefrom, apparently. The announcement was made at the office of the interstate commerce commission today that the commission had information that new tariffs would be filed July 1. The law compels that new tariffs shall be filed a month in advance of the time new rates are to go into effect. June 1 has passed, and no increased tariffs have been filed, indicating that the plan announced after the trunk line meeting at New York, looking to increased rates beginning July 1, has been abandoned. The shippers' victory in this matter is wholly credited by the newspaper publicity, which has been persistent throughout the country against increases.

Hale Calculates Surplus.

Washington, June 2.—In presenting his statement of appropriations to the senate, Hale undertook to show that notwithstanding claims to the contrary the expenditure would be well within the revenues of the year. The total estimated revenues are \$878,123,011, while he undertook to show that the expenditures for the next year would be nearly \$852,117,894, leaving a surplus of \$26,005,116. He arrived at this conclusion by deducting from the total appropriation of 1909 the amounts which have been appropriated to pay deficits, which, he said, should properly be charged to 1908, and the appropriation of \$29,187,000 made on account of the Panama Canal, which is made payable from the proceeds of the sale of bonds.

Cuts Short Third Term Talk.

Washington, June 4.—Because President Roosevelt's latest declaration that "no friend of mine" will continue efforts to nominate, the president has written to one of West Virginia's delegates to the Chicago convention for the specific purpose of heading off what appears to be a united effort to revive the Roosevelt sentiment. More than this, the president's friends, echoing his sentiment, say that the president has expressed himself to the contrary on this subject in terms which admit of no uncertainty.

Hitchcock Starts for Chicago.

Washington, June 3.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of the managers of the Taft campaign, will leave this city for Chicago tomorrow, where he will appear before the national committee in the interest of Secretary of War Taft during the consideration of contests for seats in the national convention. Mr. Hitchcock had a conference today with President Roosevelt at the White House, and later with Mr. Taft.

Mail Ocean Bill Very Much Alive.

Washington, June 2.—That the ocean mail bill, which passed the senate on March 20 without a division and later was sustained by the senate in the postoffice bill by a vote of 46 to 12, is not killed by the action of the house in failing to accept it on a narrow vote of 143 to 133, is the firm conviction of the friends of the measure. They believe that next December it will win by a decisive majority.

Selects Tokio Commission.

Washington, June 3.—Secretary Root has decided on the personnel of the commission to represent the United States at the Tokio exposition in 1912. The commissioners general will be Francis B. Loomis, former assistant secretary of state; Frederick J. V. Skiff, director of the Field museum, of Chicago, and United States judge for the district of Minnesota.

Bourne Going to Europe.

Washington, June 4.—Senator Bourne has informed some of his colleagues that he expects to sail for Europe in a short time to join his wife, who is completing a tour around the world. According to these senators, Bourne will sail before the Chicago convention. Several efforts made to locate Bourne and confirm the story were unavailing.

Hopes to Recover Sight.

Washington, June 3.—In the hope that he may recover his sight, Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator of Oklahoma, entered upon a course of treatment today at the Episcopal eye, ear and throat hospital, in this city, under the care of Dr. William Holland Childmer. Mr. Gore lost his sight in childhood, and but slight hope is held out by the physicians as to his recovery of sight.

BUILD SOON TO PORTLAND.

Northern Pacific Will Construct Point Defiance Line.

Tacoma, Wash., June 3.—From a reliable source the information comes that the Northern Pacific will at once complete the purchase of the right of way for the Point Defiance line. Deals that have been pending for over a year for the Portland cut-off are to be closed, and the additional right of way necessary to connect with the main line south of the city is to be purchased at once.

Attorney Charles Murray is said to have become connected with the Northern Pacific legal department and given personal charge of the closing of the Point Defiance deals. Before his return to Tacoma recently, Mr. Murray was associated with Judge Gordon, attorney for the Great Northern at Spokane, and is in close touch with the Hill interests.

The Point Defiance line and the tunnel will be built by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern jointly. The completion of the north bank road to Vancouver makes the extension of the line to Tacoma an immediate necessity.

SAVE LIVES OF BABIES.

New York Philanthropists Plan Systematic Campaign.

New York, June 3.—Physicians and representatives of 50 hospitals, charitable and municipal organizations, nurseries and diet kitchens banded themselves together at a meeting held at the department of health to cooperate with Health Commissioner Darlington in a campaign against mortality among the infants this summer. Every agency known to medical and sanitary science will be employed to reduce the death rate in the next four months.

According to the plan adopted each bureau will be divided into districts so that there can be no overlapping of territory. As many milk depots, physicians and nurses as needed will be supplied to each district. It was also decided to issue cards of instructions to mothers, which, it is said, will be radically different to those sent out before. The cards will be distributed by thousands.

LINERS EARN BIG SUBSIDY.

Cunard Gets \$750,000 a Year on Mauretania and Lusitania.

New York, June 3.—The gigantic turbine steamers Lusitania and Mauretania have earned for the Cunard Steamship company an annual subsidy of \$750,000 a year, according to a cable from Liverpool received today by the New York representatives of the line. The message stated that the British government announced in parliament yesterday that the two great steamships have fulfilled all conditions of the subsidy agreement. The conditions were that the ships should make 24 1/2 knots an hour for a trans-Atlantic round trip.

The Mauretania has averaged 24.86 knots an hour westbound, and 24.42 eastbound. The Lusitania has averaged 24.83 westbound and 23.62 eastbound.

LEAVES JURY TO DECIDE.

Courts Refuse to Dismiss Charge of Grafting on Capital.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 3.—Judge Kunkel, in the Dauphin county court, today refused to take the capitol conspiracy case from the jury, and all five defendants will therefore stand trial. The decision was a keen disappointment to the defense.

Immediately after the ruling the defense opened its case. Ex-Attorney General Hensel outlined the defense. He said he spoke for all the defendants, and denied collusion or falsity in measures of the metallic furniture of the new capitol, as charged by the state. The defense, he said, would show that the system of measurements was a proper one in all respects, and that it worked a saving to the state.

Americans Massacred.

Teheran, June 3.—More than 200 Christian Armenians have been massacred by Kurds in renewed depredations in the vicinity of Urumiah, and today that city is being besieged by the Kurdish tribesmen. Wholesale massacre and pillaging characterize the operations of the Kurds throughout a large district surrounding Urumiah. While this alarming situation prevails on the frontier, there is the wildest excitement in Teheran. On every hand there is talk of impending war with Russia as a result of the Kurdish massacres.

Hearst Has Gained 107.

New York, June 3.—In the recount of votes of the Hearst-McClellan election of 1905 today, seven ballot-boxes from the first assembly district show a net gain of four votes for William R. Hearst. When the recounting of votes had been concluded for the day, 22 boxes had been reexamined, which showed a gain of 20 for Hearst. So far, 48 boxes have been recounted by the court, which give Hearst a gain of 107.

Washouts in Montana.

Butte, Mont., June 3.—Seventeen overland trains on the Burlington and Northern Pacific railroads are held up today in this section by the most disastrous washouts in the history of the Northern Pacific in the Northwest. Nine trains are held up at Livingston, east of here. Five are blocked at Drummond, west of Butte, and three at Missoula, 40 miles west of Drummond. Traffic has been tied up hopelessly since Saturday night.

Claims to be Real Dowie.

Chicago, June 3.—John Alexander Dowie has arrived in Chicago from Munich, Germany, and will establish here the church of Moses. He claims to be the real John Alexander Dowie, and says that Dowie, the first, the dead ruler of Zion City, was his brother, and took his name when they were boys.

Old Favorites

Barbara Allen. (English Version.)

In Scarlot Town where I was born,
There was a fair maid dwelling,
And every youth cried, "Well away,"
And her name was Barbara Allen.

All in the merry month of May,
When green buds were a-swell;
Young Jimmie on his death bed lay,
For the love of Barbara Allen.

He sent his man unto her then,
To the town where she did dwell in;
Saying, "You ride to my master,
If your name be Barbara Allen."

"For death is printed on his face,
And over his heart is stealing;
Oh! haste away to comfort him,
Oh! you lonely Barbara Allen."

Slowly, slowly, she rose up,
And slowly she came him;
And all she said when there she came:
"Young man, I think you're a-dying."

"Recollect, recollect, recollect young man,
When I boarded at your tavern;
You drank, you walked with the ladies round,
And you slighted Barbara Allen."

"Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes,
When you boarded at my tavern,
I made the health go round and round,
My love to Barbara Allen."

He turned his face unto her then,
With deadly sorrow sighing;
Saying, "Come, pretty maid, and pity me,
For I'm on my death bed lying."

"If you on your death bed lie,
What need the tale you're telling?
No better will you ever be,
For your bonnie Barbara Allen."

As she was cruising over the field,
She heard the death bell knelling;
And every stroke did seem to say,
Unworthy Barbara Allen.

She turned her body round and about,
She spied the corpse a-coming;
"Lay down, lay down the man," she said,
"And let me gaze upon him."

With a sorrowful eye she looked down,
Her cheeks with sorrow swelling;
While her neighbors cried all in a moan,
"Unworthy Barbara Allen."

When he was dead and in his grave,
She was stricken down with sorrow;
"Mother, mother, make my bed,
For I shall die to-morrow."

"Mother, mother, go dig my grave,
And dig it both long and narrow;
Young Jimmie has died for me to-day,
I'll die for him to-morrow."

When she on her death bed lay,
She begged to be buried by him;
And sorrowfully repented of the day,
She ever did deny him.

"Farewell," she said, "ye virgins all,
And shun the fate I fell in;
Henceforth take warning by the fate,
Of cruel Barbara Allen."

Young Jimmie was buried in one church yard,
And Barbara in another,
And out of her grave sprung a rose
And out of his sprung a brier.

They grew and grew to the church top,
Until they could grow no higher,
They looked and tied in a true love knot,
The rosy and the brier.

(Scotch Version.)
It was in and about Martmas time,
When the green leaves were a-fallin',
That Sir John Graham, in the west countries,
Fell in love wi' Barbara Allan.

He sent his man down through the town,
To the place where she was dwelling,
"Oh, haste and come to my master dear,
Gin ye be Barbara Allan."

Oh, slowly, slowly rose she up,
To the place where he was lying,
And when she drew the curtain by,
"Young man, I think ye're dyin'."

"It's oh, I'm sick, I'm very sick,
And it's a' for Barbara Allan;
Oh, the better, for me ye've never be,
Though your heart's blud were a-spillin'."

"Oh, dinna ye mind, young man," she said,
"When ye was in the tavern a-drinkin'
That ye made the healths gae round and round,
And slightit Barbara Allan?"

He turned his face upon the wa',
And death was with him dwellin',
"Adieu, adieu, my dear friends a',
And be kind to Barbara Allan."

And slowly, slowly rose she up,
And slowly, slowly left him,
And sighin' said, she could not stay,
Since depth of life had left him.

She hadna zane a mile but twa,
When she heard the deid-bell ringin',
And every jow the deid-bell gied,
It cried, "Woe to Barbara Allan!"

"Oh, mother, mother! mak' my bed,
And mak' it soft and narrow;
Since my love died for me to-day,
I'll die for him to-morrow."

Careless.
Two Irishmen, meeting one day, were discussing local news.
"Do you know Jim Skelly?" asked Pat.

"Faith," said Mike, "an' I do."
"Well," said Pat, "he has had his appendix taken away from him."

"Ye serves him right," said Mike, "he should have had it in his wife's name."—Everybody's Magazine.

A young man is apt to believe that he has friends who would die for him.