

ARMED ECONOMIES FOR MAIL IN VIEW

Railway Terminal Offices and Classification by Publishers Designed.

FLYING MACHINE SUCCESS

Postoffice Department Asks Appropriation for Further Experimental Service—Parcel Post Adds to Car Space.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The report of Second Assistant Postmaster-General Stewart made public yesterday disclosed the fact that the postoffice department expects to reduce the increased expenditures for railway terminal postoffices and requiring a separation by routes of first and second-class mails of publishers.

Last year, says the report, a large amount of additional car space was required on mail trains because of the establishment of the parcel-post system. That the extension of the service necessitated a considerable increase in the annual expenditure for car rental is shown in the statement that from January 1 to November 25, 1913, there was a net increase of \$451,072.69. Mr. Stewart expects, however, to reduce these expenditures by instituting the proposed changes.

Year's Cost \$84,102,237. The report shows that the cost of operating rail, ocean, river, lake, streetcar, screen wagon, pneumatic tube and mail messenger service for the year ended June 30 last was \$84,102,237.54. This sum will be increased for the current fiscal year approximately \$10,000,000.

The number of all classes of domestic mail service routes was 12,374, the combined length of which was 278,583 miles.

Considerable space is given to consideration of the transportation of periodical mail by fast freight. Mr. Stewart says this method of transportation has been generally satisfactory to publishers, as in most cases it has been practicable to overcome the slower movement in the freight trains by advancing the date of delivery to the postoffice at the point of origin.

Service Ordered, on Hearing.

Some publishers, however, object to the fast freight service because of the news character of the contents of their publications. In such instances it has been the policy of the department, after adequate showing has been made, to transport the mail in regular mail trains.

Such experiments as heretofore have been made in the carrying of mail by aeroplanes have been conducted without expense to the government, although the mails thus transported were entrusted only to sworn carriers.

The satisfactory performance of the service has induced a recommendation by Mr. Stewart for an appropriation of \$20,000 for regular experimental aeroplane service.

Signal Men Lose Lines. PORTSMOUTH, England, Dec. 22.—A fire involving damage estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 devastated the famous dockyard here Saturday night and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century-old semaphore tower which in pre-telegraph days was the great signalling station between the fleet and the admiralty.

An examination of the ruins disclosed the fact that two of the three signal men who had remained in the tower to summon help were burned to death.

It is not known how the fire started. When it was first observed from the deck of the newest battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the rigging left and sail house. The flames were extinguished Sunday morning.

The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging-house was all ablaze half an hour after the outbreak. Fire parties were sent to the dockyard from all the warships in the harbor, and the Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone.

Many valuable models of old warships, records relating to Nelson and earlier periods and old naval relics were destroyed.

MAN SHOT AT NEGRO CLUB. Hotel Porter Wounded and Police Seek Assailant.

Charles Williams, a negro porter employed at the Hotel Metropole, was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital Sunday night suffering from wounds inflicted by a .38-caliber revolver in the hands of Joe Miller, another negro.

The shooting occurred in the Union Club, a negro resort at Park and Flinders streets, which has been the scene of numerous cutting and shooting affrays in the past two years. At least one murder and a half dozen murderous attacks have been staged in and about the place.

The police were given a description and photograph of Miller and are seeking him.

VIRGINIA VAUGHN IS DEAD. Friend of Hawthorne and Browning Run Over by Streetcar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Virginia Vaughn, friend of Lyric and poet laureate and friend of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Browning and other authors of the last half century, was killed by a streetcar in Eighth avenue yesterday.

Miss Vaughn was the daughter of John Chapman Vaughn, an abolitionist who published anti-slavery newspapers at Cincinnati and Cleveland. She was 81 years old.

PERUGIA'S FRIENDS ARRESTED. Three Reported to Have Had Part in Concealing Masterpiece.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—At the moment the "Mona Lisa" was officially restored to France, Magistrate Drioux, who has had the case under his charge since the painting disappeared from the Louvre, ordered the arrest of Vincente Lancelotti, Michele Lancelotti and Mme. Clamagrand, friends and neighbors in Paris of Vincente Perugino, on information telegraphed from Florence by the French police official, M. Vignot.

The Lancelotti brothers were denounced several days ago by another Italian as having been implicated with Perugia and they are now charged with hiding and concealing the masterpiece.

When the two men were interrogated by the police December 15 they denied knowledge of the theft, although admitting they had met Perugia frequently.

According to the report from Vignot, Perugia, who is under arrest in Florence, has made a full confession in the presence of a magistrate.

He declared that Vincente Lancelotti was aware of the planning and execution of the theft and that he had concealed the picture in his room for six weeks and had helped to construct the wooden box in which it was carried away.

Perugia said he did not escape from the Louvre by the side door of the interior, as was supposed, but walked down the main staircase and through one of the principal gates.

Michael Lancelotti and Mme. Clamagrand were at first merely detained, but later Magistrate Drioux ordered them held.

SETTLERS CAMPED NEAR LAND OFFICE

Fifty Homesteaders of Linn County Make Sure of Being "On Time" in Filing.

FIGHT WITH RAILROAD ON

Contestants, on Advice of Attorneys, Bivouac in Hall of Building to Beat Possible Move of Northern Pacific.

Having camped over night in the corridors of the Worcester building, half a hundred settlers are prepared at 9 o'clock this morning to plank down their filings on the land in township 12, south range 4 east, in Linn County, on which the Northern Pacific Railway has laid its scrip.

The bivouac in the hall outside the United States Land Office was made by many of the settlers on the advice of their attorneys, P. A. Lafferty and John McCourt, who urged the precaution to avoid the possibility of anyone or anything else being "bumped in."

The effect of the filing this morning will be to throw the case eventually into the United States courts, after it has gone through the Land office and to the Secretary of the Interior, since a contest by the railroad is expected.

Mr. Lafferty said last night that he believed the case would be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

The land in question is situated out from Albany and the Northern Pacific laid its scrip on it after land in Washington had been thrown into forest reserve. The railroad laid its scrip on the land under the act of March 2, 1899, which provides that it may, in lieu of land thrown into reserves by the government, lay its scrip on surveyed or unsurveyed land in any state through which or into which its lines run.

The attorneys for the settlers are basing their contest on the act of May 14, 1880, which provides that they go on unsurveyed Government lands and get credit for their time of residence prior to the surveying of the land, which would be the land affected by the act of 1899. They maintain that the railroad might just as well have laid its scrip on land that had been surveyed and avoided the possibility of such contest as might arise and has arisen in the present case.

Nearly all of the settlers who will file this morning are on the land from two to five years.

PORTLAND COPIES TOKIO. Japanese Capital Has Commission, Says Its Deputy Mayor.

Commission form of government is no new thing in Japan, Tokio, the capital, with her 2,500,000 people, is governed by a Mayor and Commissioners in something the same manner as Portland.

This information was given by D. Tagawa, Deputy Mayor of Tokio and member of the Japanese House of Representatives, who was in Portland yesterday.

Mr. Tagawa was not in Portland to study the operations of the Commission form here, but came simply as a sightseer.

M. Ida, local Japanese Consul, with other Japanese residents of Portland, called on Mr. Tagawa at his apartments at the Hotel Multnomah yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Tagawa is on the home stretch of a recreation trip around the world. He left Japan last July, traveling westward from Tokyo to Vancouver, B. C., where he will take passage on the Empress of Russia for Japan.

SIX HELD AS BOOTLEGGERS. Whisky, Specially Bottled, Say Police, Is Confiscated.

Whisky, apparently bottled especially for the "bootleg" trade, according to the police, was seized Sunday when Plainclothes Policemen Wellbrook, Miller, Schmidtke and Epps arrested six alleged violators of the Sunday laws, at different places in the North End. The whisky taken was in plain bottles, and the liquor was in kegs and quarts, equipped with cork-pullers.

Jay Despain, who said he is a postal clerk, with Fred Merchant, were apprehended at Third and Burnside streets on charges of violating the liquor laws. George F. Swan, Jack Remington and Fred Ames were arrested near the same corner. George Dales, charged with a similar offense, was arrested at 268 Couch street.

Irvington Park Club Proposed. Steps have been taken for the organization of an improvement club in Irvington Park district, embracing territory from Union avenue to East Third, between the river and north from Alberta toward Columbia Slough. It includes the Kennedy school grounds.

The first work toward the organization was taken at the general meeting held at the Arcadian Clubhouse, East Thirty-seventh street and Alameda avenue, Thursday night. The names and addresses of all present were taken at this meeting, and a committee was appointed to take action. Electric lights, better car service, a modern schoolhouse, fire protection and other objects will be advocated. All citizens of this territory will be asked to join the new club and help build up the district. It is felt that the district is not getting its share of attention. The first meeting probably will be held in the building on the corner of Killingsworth avenue and East Thirtieth street early in January.

Sellwood Y. M. C. A. Has Teachers. E. B. McNaughton has agreed to take charge of the Intermediate Bible Club at the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. and Earl Fitzgerald will take charge of one of the junior classes. More attention will be given to Bible instructions hereafter. Several basketball teams have been organized.

Rerouting of Alberta Cars Suggested. The routing of the Alberta cars over the Broadway bridge to the West Side to Washington street may be asked in the near future. Some residents of Irvington Park think that time would be gained this way.

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KARLUK LIKELY SAFE

Stefansson's Friends Have No Fear for Lost Vessel.

CREW EQUIPPED FOR ICE

Men Prepared to March in Case Ship Is Crushed and Mail From Party Is Expected to Reach Dawson About June 1.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding the publication of interviews with persons who say they are sure that Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Arctic ship Karluk, under Captain Robert Bartlett, must be lost, Stefansson's friends on the Coast are not at all alarmed.

When the expedition sailed Stefansson hoped the Karluk would not be clutched by the ice until it had attained a considerable distance north-east of Point Barrow. However, he found ice close to the point and entered a lead with the intention of being frozen in. The ship was frozen in, and is supposed to be drifting with the ice.

The Karluk presumably is a part of the solid pack. The danger always present in a lead is that its sides will close and crush the boat. The Karluk is not built to withstand a squeeze by the ice.

Road Amundsen, whose steamer Fram is now making the voyage around Cape Horn for San Francisco, will enter the ice at Point Barrow next August, just as Stefansson did. The Fram is specially built for resisting ice pressure.

Stefansson told friends here that the Karluk's crew and scientific party would be safe even if the ship were crushed, because they were prepared to take to the ice. The Karluk carried a number of carefully chosen dogs.

Herschel Island, near the mouth of the Mackenzie River, is the winter rendezvous of whalers and explorers in the Arctic, and it is supposed that the Karluk will send a messenger thither with mail, and that Stefansson himself, who was ashore hunting when the ice carried the Karluk out of sight, will make his way to the island. He knows every foot of the Arctic shore between Point Barrow and the Mackenzie and has personal acquaintance with all the Eskimos.

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