

PARCEL INSURANCE FARGE IN PRACTICE

People Forego Privilege After Experience With Governmental Red Tape.

ONLY DELIVERY PROMISED

Fact That Article Is Ruined in Transit Not Made Basis for Compensation--Public Confidence in System Shattered.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Less than 2 per cent—1.43 per cent, to be exact—of all the parcels shipped through the United States last year were insured, a fact which caused the Bristolow investigation committee to inquire into the cause for the general neglect of the insurance privilege of the parcel post law. The answer, as given by the committee, is that patrons of the parcel post find it hardly worth while to insure their packages because of the difficulty of recovering from the Government in case their parcels are damaged or lost. Liability is assumed by the Government on payment of an insurance fee of 5 cents on parcels valued at \$25 or less and 10 cents on parcels valued at from \$25 to \$50, with \$50 as the maximum liability. Of \$69,000,000 parcels sent through the mails last year, only 13,000,000 parcels were insured.

People Without Confidence. "Why the insurance feature of the law should be utilized to so slight an extent is an interesting question," comments the Bristolow committee. "The fact that many patrons prefer to entrust their valuable parcels to express shipment and are using the parcel post only for the shipment of articles of slight value undoubtedly accounts to some degree for this condition."

Reports received from postmasters, however, the report continues, "indicate that a further reason for this lack of general patronage of the insurance system is to be found in the fact that experience with the department's operation of the insurance plan has not tended to create confidence in it. The general criticism is that the system in use in the adjudication of claims for loss or damage is so complicated and involves such delay in settlement that much dissatisfaction has resulted among patrons. Postmasters are of the opinion that a simpler method should be pursued in the adjustment of claims. One common suggestion is that postmasters should have authority, within proper restrictions, to adjust claims for small amounts."

While your committee doubts the advisability of intrusting the postmasters with the settlement of small claims, it is believed that there should be departmental officials in every section of the country authorized to adjust these claims in order that they may be promptly paid."

Hat Believed, Though Smashed. An illustration of how the insurance clause of the parcel post act does not work is the following: A Washington newspaper man's wife bought a \$30 hat at a New York shop and asked that it be carefully crated and shipped to her by parcel post at Washington. When the hat was delivered the crate was demolished, and the hat was smashed as flat as a pancake. The parcel containing the hat had been insured and the woman had evidence of the insurance. She presented this, with the hat, to the Washington postoffice.

"Why, you have the hat, haven't you?" asked the Washington authority. "Yes, but look at it; it's a wreck and worth nothing to me. It was ruined in the mails and I want the price of it."

"Oh," exclaimed the postal official, "we insured the delivery of the hat and did not guarantee it against damage. If the postoffice delivered the hat to you, the Government discharged its obligation and is relieved of all responsibility."

Red Tape Is Dreaded. Under the law, that woman was entitled to recover up to \$50 from the Government, but she and her husband, knowing something of governmental red tape, did not pursue the matter further; they knew it would take \$30 or more worth of effort to collect this perfectly valid claim. This case is only an illustration of how the insurance clause fails to do justice and why the public lacks confidence in it.

Another Washingtonian had a farmer ship him, by parcel post, a crate of peaches. The shipment was insured. When the peaches were delivered they were mashed to a pulp. They had been shipped in the bottom of a mail sack and evidently under heavy packages. The Washingtonian presented the damaged fruit, with his insurance receipt, and tried to collect from the postoffice, but he was told that, having received the peaches, he could not hold the Government responsible for their damaged condition. He also pocketed his loss, but he does not use the parcel post any more.

WOMAN AND 2 MEN TAKEN

(Continued From First Page) Sunday night in the Burgett woman's cabin, authorities believe. According to the information secured by the Sheriff, Carlson stepped into the road and held up the stage while Halder hid behind a tree. The two were disguised in clothing they had secured from others. Both wore handkerchiefs over their faces, but Mr. Moorehouse said he recognized Carlson by his voice when Carlson commanded: "Throw out that bag, Elmer!" "Silent!" is Mr. Moorehouse's nickname. Mr. Moorehouse joined in the hunt with the officers, and all were thrown off the track a day in the belief that the robbers had escaped on horses. Tuesday they began to follow footprints, which led to the badger hole, that was surrounded by marks of feet.

Property Found Near Badger Hole.

Near the hole was found today a revolver and cartridges which were known to belong to the Burgett woman. Nearby was the coat worn by the leader and recognized as belonging to a former friend of the woman. A cap and handkerchief were picked up not far away. Halder says he hid his revolver nearby, and this will be searched for tomorrow. This evidence coincided with the belief of Mr. Moorehouse and words dropped by Halder, so the arrest followed.

The cleaning up of the boldest holdup in this vicinity in 20 years was done in 20 hours and was the first big task of Sheriff Anderson since he took office in January. He will, in the event of conviction, receive a reward of \$100 offered by the insurance company which insured the gold. He was greatly assisted by Mr. Lee, who personally

TWO STARS OF LAMBERTI OPERA COMPANY, AT THE BAKER.



Eugenio De Tolco Who Sang Radame!



Luisa Cecchetti Who Sang Role of America!

stayed on the trail night and day since Monday morning, and by Mr. Nelson.

Holdup in Lonely Spot.

The holdup occurred at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning near the Summit mine, a lonely spot one-half mile from the Rainbow mine, where the gold was loaded in the stage, consigned to the American Express office at Durkee, to be shipped to the assay office at Selby, Cal. Mr. Moorehouse was accompanied only by Mrs. A. H. Frietag, of Durkee, formerly of Portland. The man stepped into the middle of the road and told Moorehouse to hold up his hands, then to throw out the sack. Then he was commanded to go and not look back. He reported the theft as soon as he reached Durkee and posess were at once started in all parts of the surrounding country.

An effort was made tonight by District Attorney Godwin to get the woman to talk, but she stubbornly refused. The charge against her may be changed to that of being an accomplice. They will go before the grand jury now in session, probably Saturday.

EITEL DEAD IS HONORED

AMERICA TO ACCORD NAVAL TRIBUTE TO GERMAN SAILOR.

Interred Warship May Be Convozed to Another Port on Account of Congestion at Norfolk.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—First steps in the interment of the German commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich were prepared today, on instructions from Secretary Daniels to permit a funeral with full naval honors tomorrow at Newport News for one of the cruiser's sailors, who died aboard two days ago. At the request of Captain Thierichens the Eitel was permitted to remain at Newport News until after the funeral, when she will go to the Norfolk Navy-Yard.

It was suggested tonight that the raider might not remain at the Navy-Yard for the period of her interment because of crowded conditions there, but might be taken under convoy of an American warship to another place to remain until the end of the war. Secretary Daniels said tonight that Rear-Admiral Beatty, commandant at the yards, until he received further instructions, would notify the cruiser's officers and sailors that they would be permitted to remain aboard her. The Admiral has been instructed to receive paroles of officers and take necessary steps to assure that the sailors take no further part in the war.

In the case of the German ships interred at Gaum and Honolulu the officers gave paroles, while the enlisted men received reasonable liberties under slight surveillance.

F-4 WIDOW IS ACCUSER

CRIPPLED MOTOR REPORTED BEFORE CRUISE, SHE SAYS.

Wife of Submarine's Engineer Declares Her Husband Told Her of Situation Before Fatal Trip.

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—Mrs. Elsie Ebright Nelson, wife of William S. Nelson, engineer of the submarine F-4, which was lost off Honolulu harbor March 25, is quoted today as saying the ship's motors of the submarine were known to be in bad condition and that the vessel was ordered on the fatal cruise despite the fact that her husband had notified his officers to that effect.

BIG WAREHOUSE TO GO UP

Wenatchee Plant Will Have Capacity of 30 Cars of Fruit.

WENATCHEE, Wash., April 8.—(Special).—Work on a most complete modern fruit warehouse, jointly modern distributors, and E. Wagner & Son, apple exporters, will commence this week and will be completed in time for the shipment of the earliest apples.

French Forbid Liquor in Vosges.

PARIS, April 8.—The General in command of the army of the Vosges, has forbidden the purchase or sale of spirituous liquors in the territory occupied by his army. Violators of this order will be court-martialed and punished severely.

FUR COAT ATTRACTS

American Woman Has Finest Garment in London.

COST PLACED AT \$10,000

Mrs. Almeric Paget's Chinchilla Focus for Eyes Even of Princess.

Gaby Deslys' Effort to Get It Is Told.

LONDON, April 6.—Without doubt the most beautiful and costly fur coat of this season is owned by Mrs. Almeric Paget, an American, daughter of the late W. C. Whitney.

This magnificent garment is of priceless chinchilla, of the softest, richest gray, without a single yellow light. It took more than a year for experts to find the skins for it, each one of which Mrs. Paget herself inspected before she allowed the coat to be made up, lest it should betray the slightest tinge of the undesirable yellow that promptly proclaims the delicate pelt no longer in its prime.

Edna May and Lily Elsie have wonderful chinchilla coats, but neither can compare with Mrs. Paget's, which is said to have cost \$10,000.

Princess Clementine, the youngest daughter of the late King of the Belgians, a tasteful dresser herself, was seen gazing through her open glasses at Mrs. Paget's exquisite wrap at a charity concert recently.

Cost Subject of Interest. Indeed, among wealthy women who understand furs, it is said this coat is a subject of frantic interest and many are the stories told about it, notably, the one that records how Gaby Deslys, happening to see it at the furrier's when it was in process of construction, told him to name his price for it and when she heard that this was impossible, as it belonged to Mrs. Paget, threatened never again to make a purchase from him.

This coat is said to be more heavily insured than the Queen's sables, a garment which also is exceptionally valuable.

Poirot and Worth, the two great dressmakers, who are both fighting at the front, often hear from some of the wealthy princesses and American women millionaires who are among their clients.

These, who include such women as the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mrs. George Soud, manage to communicate with them. For years Poirot has dressed the grand duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who is the mother of the crown princess of Germany, a Russian who, in the early stages of the war, hastened to declare her sympathies with her native land. American men have been among her chosen and most intimate friends.

GRESHAM FACULTY NAMED

Elmer F. Goodwin Chosen Principal of New Union High No. 2.

Elmer F. Goodwin, principal of the Brownsville, Or., high school, was elected principal of Union High School No. 2, to be established at Gresham, at a meeting of the directors of the union district yesterday. Mrs. Nellie M. Wade, of Portland, and Miss Eva McCormick, of Eugene, were elected members of the Union High School faculty, and F. A. Anderson and Miss Eva Struggles were re-elected teachers.

The daily ration of a Japanese soldier in the field consists of three little bags of rice and a bunch of dried vegetables.

Hart Schaffner & Marx advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman on a horse and the brand name.

Large advertisement for Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing, starting with 'IF you buy clothes simply by the price, you can always find plenty that are lower priced than ours.' It describes a fur coat and mentions a price of \$25.

Advertisement for Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co., 'THE STORE FOR MEN' located at Northwest Corner Third and Morrison.

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SOLDIER HELD IN JAIL

Discharged Army Man Held for Pawning Stolen Silverware.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 8.—(Special).—The attempt of E. C. Scott, a discharged soldier from the Twenty-first infantry, to pawn \$125 worth of silverware for \$35 at a Vancouver pawn shop, led to Scott's arrest.

Canada Advances Money Order Rate.

Believed to be on account of the war and the consequent war tax now in force throughout that country, Canada has made sharp advances in rates charged for money orders to all points in the United States, according to advices received by Postmaster Myers.

DR. PAUL C. YATES

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I will save you 50 cents on every dollar on the best dental work made by human hands and without pain. My offer is for you to go to any dental office and get prices. Then come to me and I will show you how to save a dollar and I make a dollar on your dental work. My Price Will Surely Suit You. My Work Will Surely Please You.

PIANOS FOR RENT

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