

NO SHIPS ON HAND FOR TAKING PARCEL POST TO GERMANY

Service Will Be Resumed When Vessels Shall Be Obtained, Says Chamberlain.

WITHDRAW HOLLAND LINE

Reasons for Giving Up the Service Not Explained by the Foreign Company, It Is Said.

Parcel post service with Germany was discontinued because there were no vessels to carry the mail, and cannot be resumed until vessels can be found that will carry it.

This information is contained in a letter, dated November 23, to Dr. F. H. Dammasch, president of the Oregon Federation of German Speaking Societies, from Senator Chamberlain at Washington.

Before the outbreak of the war, service with Germany was direct. After the war began the United States government succeeded in getting the Holland-American Steamship line to take German mail by way of Holland.

The company notified the government several weeks ago that it would be unable longer to continue the service, for reasons that Senator Chamberlain has been unable to ascertain.

"Efforts are now being made to find shipping for mail of this kind," he says, "but so far, the authorities have not succeeded, and I am advised they do not feel encouraged about the situation."

Senator Chamberlain's letter says, in part: "Prior to the war we had direct mail communication, including parcel post, with Germany."

"After the breaking out of the war our government, after some efforts in that behalf, succeeded in securing the performance of this service by the Holland-American Steamship line by the way of Holland, and the service was continued until a few weeks ago, when this steamship company notified the government that it would no longer perform the service."

"What the reason was I have not been able to ascertain, but in all probability several questions were involved in this service, first, as to the duties of neutrals, second, as to the search and seizure of mails, and third, as to the possible carrying of contraband. I do not know that this is a fact."

"I am advised that there are no American vessels in the waters of the United States and the neutral territory through which this mail has been carried, and that so far our government has not been able to secure the service of any steamship company."

Efficiency Expert To Tell of Bureau

Jesse D. Burks of Los Angeles is Tuesday's speaker before Commerce Chamber on "Citizenship."

Jesse D. Burks of Los Angeles, Cal., will explain the workings of the efficiency and economy bureau now maintained at his home city in a free public address at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

Mr. Burks will discuss "The New Citizenship," his remarks having to do with the more intensive interest in public affairs now being manifested by the people. That this interest should be stimulated by an intelligent study of things that go on at city halls, court houses and public offices generally, with continual reports to the public in such graphic ways that the public will know just what is being done with its money, is the thesis Mr. Burks will discuss.

Epidemic Checked At White Salmon

Medical Attendance and Isolation of Diphtheria Cases Prevents Further Spread of Disease Among Children.

White Salmon, Wash., Dec. 13.—By careful attention to the school children's throats and isolation of persons suffering from diphtheria, the epidemic of that disease in White Salmon and vicinity is well under control and no new cases have been reported for some days.

It is hoped that the trouble may be stamped out quickly now and the many children absent from the schools because of that trouble be returned to school shortly.

Rosarian Band Rehearsal.

The first free public rehearsal of the Rosarian band will be held at the eighth floor dining room of the Chamber of Commerce, Fifth and Oak streets, tonight. A splendid program will be rendered. Mrs. Joel B. Ellinger, soprano, will be soloist.

Portland Bakeries Put Out Much Food

Daily Bread Crop is 112,000 Nickel Loaves, Not Counting Pies, Cakes, Crullers, Buns or Pumpernickel.

Every day of the year, Portland's bakeries make and deliver 112,000 5 cent loaves of bread. This information has just been submitted to the United States department of labor by Edwin N. Weinbaum, statistician of the Chamber of Commerce, who got his information from the individual bakers and checked it against the figures submitted by the secretary of the Master Bakers' association.

This means that if these loaves were piled on top of each other, they would make a pillar three times as high as Mount Hood. If the nickels that bought them were laid in a straight line, touching each other, they would form a strip of metal one mile and 60 feet long.

The figures apply only to the 5 cent loaves and do not include 10 cent loaves, cakes, pies, doughnuts, buns, biscuits, rolls, coffee-cakes or other forms of flour products.

The department of labor is seeking the information for its records which would become the basis for an investigation of conditions in the bakery industry that might be undertaken.

Press Club Jinks Next Thursday Eve

First Entertainment of Winter to Be Staged Under New Administration of Club Officers.

The first jinks of the winter will be given by the Portland Press club in its clubrooms, in the Elks' building, next Thursday night. This is the first entertainment since the new administration took over the affairs of the club. The program planned is somewhat elaborate, with both local and professional talent listed. Charles Ryan is in charge of the entertainment.

The jinks will be given in the renovated rooms of the club, painters and decorators having just finished the improvement. The walls are of a light shade instead of dark, and the entrance to the club has been remodeled.

Plans are also being made for a Christmas entertainment for the children of club members and an "open night" New Year's eve.

Accused Advised to Give No Statement

Influential Friends May Come to Assistance of Clinton Sittler, Confessed Embellisher of East.

"Say nothing, fight nothing, come back." This terse telegram came last night to Clinton E. Sittler, confessed embellisher of \$15,000 from the house of Tamaqua, Pa., from his father, a well-to-do lumberman and politician of the city, and indicates that Sittler's influential friends at the "other end" are doing everything possible to square the case.

Sittler was arrested Saturday by Burns operatives as he stepped from a train at the Union station. The chief of police of Tamaqua is on his way to Portland to take Sittler into custody. Sittler was tax receiver for Tamaqua, and his receipts annually run up over \$100,000. It was the irregular handling of these funds that caused him to get into hot water, to leave home September 21, and for which he was arrested Saturday.

Anti-Tuberculosis Meet at Hood River

Hood River, Or., Dec. 13.—A union service of all of the churches of the city was held at the Riverside Congregational Church Sunday afternoon in the interest of the nationwide warfare on the "white plague." Drs. J. M. Waugh and Jesse Edington, the latter city and county health officer, were the speakers on the occasion. Special music was rendered by the church choir. Red Cross stamps are now on sale at the local banks and several of the business houses.

Plans for Class Annual

Gresham, Or., Dec. 11.—Plans are being formulated by the senior class of the union high school for the purchase of publishing a class annual some time preceding the graduating period next spring. This is considered a great undertaking because of the small number of the senior and postgraduate classes. The intent is to issue a book of 150 pages at the price of \$1 per copy. A committee on publications has been appointed which consist of the following: Senior class editor, Hester B. Thorpe, assisted by Francis Bliss, Marguerite Volbrecht and Florence Towle.

—Principal Portland Agents for Holeproof Guaranteed Hosiery —Men's, Women's, Children's.

—Lunch tomorrow in the dainty Priscilla Tea Room or the Dutch Room for men—Ninth Floor.



—Exclusive Portland agents for Ostermoor Mattresses — "built, not stuffed!"—Eighth Floor.

—Give mother or sister a Wil-lamette Sewing Machine—Delivered on first payment of \$1.

Only 10 More Days for Christmas Shopping

—Shop early in the day—morning hours are best! —Use the moving stairways—they will save time and temper. Safe as walking across the floor. —Ask any floor manager for a copy of the free Booklet of Gift Suggestions.

—Meier & Frank Glove and Merchandise Orders issued—Special Booth, Main Aisle. —Joint Express Office and Postal Substation, under direct supervision of United States postal clerk. Packages wrapped free. Basement Balcony.

Mary Ann's Daily Gift Hints. The world is so full of a number of things, especially at Christmas time, that it is a little bewildering. From day to day try to suggest practical gifts for you— it may simplify your shopping a bit. Mother Would Like: A "Willamette" Sewing Machine, An Electric Iron, Toaster, Candlesticks of Brass or Silver, A Mahogany Tray, A Muffin Stand, An Oriental Rug or a Domestic Rug for the living room, John S. Brown & Sons' Imported Table Linens, A Bit of Real Lace, Lace Collar and "Cuff Set, Couch Cover and Cushions, Finger Bowl Dishes, Sherry Glasses, A Casserole, Fruit Basket, Box of Favorite Soap, Toilet Water and Cream, Set of Tumbler Containers. If you're looking for something "very special," perhaps I can help you find it.

Novelties in Needlework. Some Finished—Others to Be Embroidered. Japanese Lunch Sets. Among the daintiest of the holiday novelties—these sets in new designs—just received from "Cherry Blossom" Land. 36-inch Lunch Cloths, 79c. 45-inch Lunch Cloth, \$1.25. 45-inch Embroidered Cloth, \$3. Napkins at 10c each. Doilies, 4c and 8c each. Scarf or Table Runner, 59c. To Be Embroidered. —Shampoo Jackets, of Turkish toweling to be embroidered in simple design, with crocheted edge—a most acceptable gift, 85c. —Second Floor, Sixth Street

Toytown! —Lots of happiness in store for the Kiddies. Little prices changed to still littler ones tomorrow. \$2.50 All-Steel Freight Train \$1.98. —Large workman-like full train constructed out of sheet steel. Consists of locomotive, tender, coal car, box-car and caboose. As illustrated. \$1.75 Character Doll \$1.19. —Jointed doll, as pictured. Has sleeping eyes and nice mohair wig. Fine for "little mother." Colored dress and apron, embroidery effect.

Dainty Xmas Handkerchiefs. What Could Be Prettier for Gifts? —Handkerchiefs from every corner of the earth here for your Christmas choosing! —Some quite simple, with initial —others with elaborate hand-embroidery and lace—at all prices. 75c Box Handkerchiefs 53c. —100 boxes for Tuesday only! —Six dainty kerchiefs in box. —Swiss embroidered corners in different designs! —In holiday gift boxes, Tuesday at 53c each. —Main Floor, Fifth Street



New Wirthmor Blouses, \$1. Four New Models Today. —A particularly pretty one is of fancy voile, with high collar and cuffs, edged with crocheted lace. —The best blouses possible to sell at \$1. —Tomorrow only! —Fourth Floor, Central

See the World's Champion Typist, Here Tomorrow! —In the Music Hall, Ninth Floor, between 12 and 1:30 tomorrow, Miss Margaret B. Owen, who holds the world's championship for writing 136 words a minute, will give special exhibition for business men and all who may be interested. —With her will be Mr. Emil A. Trefger, the English champion typist, who held the world's title in 1914. —Admission free.

A Great Christmas Exhibition of Traveling Bags. Famous "Likly," Kaufman and "Indestructo" Makes at Special Prices Tomorrow. —What man or woman who wouldn't be delighted with a handsome bag? —Over a thousand traveling bags and suitcases to choose from. Big kit bags, sturdily built for men—beautiful fitted bags and silk-lined dressing cases for women. —See these wonderful values tomorrow!



\$2.95 Ostrich Neck Ruffs, \$1.48. A Pretty Christmas Suggestion. —Just 50 all told. —Black and white combinations. —Long, fluffy boas, universally becoming. —Tuesday only at exactly half price! —Main Floor, Fifth Street

\$1.25 All-Steel Train 98c. —Locomotive, tender and 3-passenger cars—nicely painted in red, white and blue. 50c Long-Distance Pop-Gun 39c. —The King safety pop-gun. Shoots large cork and rubber ball. No danger in using. Stoutly constructed.

Sterling Silver Napkin Rings, 89c. The Prettiest \$1.50 Kind. —Just like the illustration above. —We can sell them at this low price Tuesday because we purchased all the manufacturer had—at a concession in price! —Several beautiful designs in beaded and ridged ends. —Useful and pretty for Christmas gifts. —Tuesday only, at 89c. —Main Floor, Sixth Street

Xmas Gift Floor. —Many Gift Suggestions at Small Prices. —In a few moments you can choose inexpensive gifts here for every member of the family. TOMORROW! —400 pairs of men's bath-room slippers, 50c quality, at 29c. —200 new overalls aprons for children, with or without sleeves, 35c. —1000 pounds of pure Christmas candies at 12 1/2c. —\$1 women's silk hose—run-of-the-mill—79c. —Men's pad garters, assorted colors, 10c. —"The Cook Book of Left-overs," \$1 edition, 25c. —Nothing Over \$1.00. Fourth Floor, 6th St.

Gift Suggestions \$5.85 Brass Desk Set \$3.98. —Set consists of pad, calendar, tray, ink well and paper knife. A handsome gift set. Special at \$3.98. Desk Sets, Blotter Pads, Stationery, That Make Writing Attractive. —Desk Sets—Odd pieces in bronze, nickel and Pompeian greenware, 50c to \$2. —Fountain Pens—Famous Conklin and Waterman self-filling pens at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4. Boxed Papers. —Crane's Linen Lawn and Highland Linen—always correct—in all the newest effects. 50c to \$5 box. —"Blue Bird" Stationery—New and here only in Portland. Very beautiful. 75c box to \$2. Address Books. —and memorandum books, 1916 diaries, line-a-day books, etc., 25c to \$5. —Post Card Albums, memory books and scrap books, 5c to \$3. Calendars, Mottoes, Cards. —Oregon View Calendars, 35c to \$2.50—Second Floor. —Volland's Xmas Calendars—salads, desserts, dinners, luncheons, etc., 50c. —Volland's Framed Mottoes, 50c. —Christmas and New Year's Cards, 1c to 35c. —Vanity Fair Cards, beautifully hand-painted, 35c. —Dennison's "Handy Boxes" 75c to \$3.50. —Holly Gift Boxes, 5c to 35c. —Main Floor, Sixth Street

About the Most Phenomenal Handkerchief Bargain We Ever Knew. 25c Men's Linen Initial Kerchiefs, 12 1/2c. —Only 100 dozen of them—we'll be surprised if there is a one left by noon tomorrow! —A bargain "plum" in the full sense of the word—one of the prizes that came with our tremendous holiday handkerchief purchases. —Men's pure Irish linen handkerchiefs, hemstitched with self and colored initials. —You never heard of such handkerchiefs selling under 25c regularly. —While they last tomorrow, each 12 1/2c. Men's Pure Silk Shirts \$2.95. —You ought to have seen the way women folk have been buying them for gifts the last few days! "My, isn't this a beautiful quality of silk? And see how they're made! Won't John be delighted!" —They are the usual \$5 shirts, \$2.95. —Just Inside Morrison Entrance. —Order by Mail.

For Xmas—a Golfine Bathrobe, \$7.50. —Golfine robes are becoming more and more fashionable and golfine is growing scarcer and scarcer! —An early order brings us the most beautiful robes in town at lowest prices! —Blues, rose, wistaria, golden brown and green. —Full silk lined. —Beautiful robes at \$7.50. Golfine. —Other Robes at \$5.95. —Warm Woolen Blanket Robes \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$18.00. —Third Floor, Sixth Street



Just See the Quality of These New Gift Handbags, \$3.50. —"Just arrived" — I just brought them down from the receiving room. —Look at the beautiful quality of this fine pin morocco. —See what stunning shapes they are—the very latest creations in handbags. —New gathered effects, covered frames, small and submarine shapes, silk lined, with beautiful fittings. —Beautiful gifts? Well, just wait till you see them! Why not tomorrow? —Main Floor, Sixth Street —Order by Mail.

Men's Bath Robes, \$3.75. —Men and women who buy for men, take notice! —These are new arrivals in the men's clothing store, received in a big special purchase and passed along to you at worth-while savings. A gift any man would envy! —Every desirable shade, and color combinations without number — grays, greens, browns, blues, reds, fans, etc. Fine, warm blanket bathrobes in every new pattern. Splendidly finished, with rope tie at waist and neck, sailor collar, patch pockets, satin yoke and satin piped seams. Large, medium and small sizes. —Other bathrobes, \$1.98 to \$25. —Third Floor, Fifth Street —Order by Mail.

Victrola Outfit, \$69.50. —A beautiful Victrola IX, in handsome mahogany or oak, which plays any Victor or Columbia record. —With this is included a cabinet to match, which holds 180 records. We also include 20 selections with the outfit. —Price \$69.50—pay \$10 down and \$5 monthly. No interest. —Special Concert of all the new records, 10 to 12 A. M. tomorrow. —Basement Balcony —Order by Mail. Xmas Linens. —What housewife will ever admit she has enough beautiful linens? —What more sensible gift than a lovely cloth, with napkins to match? —We are exclusive agents for John S. Brown's famous Shamrock linens, known to thousands of housewives in the Northwest for their quality and service. —A cloth 2x2 yards, with one doz. napkins, \$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$10. —A cloth 2x2 1/2 yards and one doz. napkins, \$6.50, \$8, \$10, \$12. —A cloth 2x3 yards and one dozen napkins, \$7, \$9, \$11.50, \$13.50. —Second Floor, Fifth Street —Order by Mail.

"Silk Maid" Hosiery. —The most wonderful value in silk hosiery on the market! —Manufactured expressly for Meier & Frank Co. To be had in nearly 50 shades. Men's Stockings 50c Women's Stockings \$1. —Main Floor.

The Famous "Ruskin Prints" Here at \$3 Prints That Usually Cost \$3.50. —Beautiful hand-colored prints of all the world's famous masterpieces. —All the "schools" are represented. —Handsome gifts at \$3.00; and other imported German Prints from 35c to \$15. —Let us frame your choice pictures—we specialize in artistic framing. —Fifth Floor, Fifth Street

Groceries. —Special offering for tomorrow. NO PHONE ORDERS. Mount Vernon Milk, a big bargain at, case \$3.10, dozen cans 80c. Marion Butter, fancy Oregon make, roll 67c. Smoked Shoulders, lb. 11c. Fancy Oysters, extra select 25c grade, can 19c. White Figs, new California, splendid cooking, 3 lbs. at 25c. Sliced Peaches, regularly 20c, No. 2 1/2 cans 15c. Seeded Raisins, 10c grade, 3 lbs. 25c. New Oregon Prunes, 30 to 40 size, in 8-lb. net-weight boxes, at 89c. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

This Splendid Bag \$5.00. —50 traveling bags and suitcases—genuine pigskin, walrus, cowhide and imported goat, all leather lined and solid brass-trimmed. Worth fully a third more—\$5. \$6.92

\$8.50 and \$9 Bags \$6.50. —Illustrated above—an elegant five-piece shaped bag, brown only, leather lined with three pockets—brass-trimmed. Special \$6.50. \$4.92

\$10 Kaufman Bag \$6.95. —Genuine walrus and pigskin, black only, leather lined, with sewed frames and sewed corners. An elegant gift for a man or woman—\$6.95. \$9.25

\$12 "Indestructo" Bag \$9.95. —"Indestructo" heavy cowhide bags and suitcases, steel frames, hand-sewed. Guaranteed for years of service. Special \$9.95. \$13.75

Muffin Stand of Solid Mahogany \$4.95. —Exactly as illustrated. —A charming suggestion for a holiday gift! —Made in the famous Gowan shops. —An excellent value at \$4.95. —Eighth Floor, Fifth Street

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