

NEW POLICY OF THE POSTOFFICE DEPT. CUTS OPERATION COST

Service Also Improved by Employees Encouraged to Give of Their Best.

EFFICIENCY IS INCREASED

Credit Due to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General in Whose Bureau Reforms Have Brought Returns.

Washington, July 22.—Among the varied industrial enterprises of the postoffice department in Washington is an establishment devoted entirely to the manufacture of mail locks and the bag attachments used in mail transportation. When this administration came into power, the department was in need of an improved type of mail lock. The shop was immediately reorganized, placed on a business basis, and its activities enlarged so as to meet this imperative demand. Within a very short time a new and greatly improved lock had been devised and its production begun.

The lock in use weighed 5 1/2 ounces; the new one weighs 2 1/2 ounces. As 40,000 of this new product have been put into service, the difference in weight (the government paying as much for the weight of equipment as it does for the mail itself) can be easily calculated. The locks replaced by this new and better style cost 21 cents each to make; those now being manufactured cost 8 1/2 cents, direct and indirect charges considered, the saving thus shown on original cost of production to date amounting to \$53,750.

Repair Cost Is Reduced.
Of the old style, 35,000 were annually returned for repairs at a cost of between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000. Of the new style, out of the great number sent into service, but 906 have been returned, and as these new style locks can be repaired at a cost of 3 cents each, the annual saving on this item will amount to over \$21,000.

The department has in this administration encouraged its employees to give their best service to the government and many instances have recently come to notice wherein the department has greatly profited by this wise public policy. In the lock shop a recent achievement in this direction is an improved cord fastener, the work of three of its employees, for use on bags; also one designed for locking large quantities of parcel post matter, which has heretofore been without this protection. It can be made at a very low price, requiring less material and a fewer number of operations.

Saving Is Significant.
The significant part of this lies in the great number required in the service, between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000, the output being 500,000 annually. As the cost has been reduced by the new method from 4 1/2 to 3 cents each, it is seen what a splendid showing this makes for economy.

Another valuable improvement has been the perfected locking cord fastener designed for use on the bags, something which the department for years has been endeavoring to accomplish. This device will be of great value to the postal service at large by increasing the capacity and efficiency of mail bags to a degree difficult to estimate. It is a part of a system of business methods and the proper encouragement of employees to take an active and earnest interest in their work, both of which have been features of this administration of the department has favored and put into practice, is responsible for the many improvements made and the advantages gained.

Label System Improved.
Active experiments are constantly being made for the betterment of the service. For many years a tremendous expense has been the labeling of the immense quantity of mail bags in use. The form of label used in the past and still used by clerks all over the country is the doubling and re-doubling of what is known as a "facing slip." The preparation of these labels by the thousands has been and is an expensive proposition, yet there appears to have been no effort on the part of previous administrations to progress from the old method. Under present direction a perforated label in sheets and runs has been designed which is practically ready for use when furnished to employees. Every postal clerk in the country and thousands of postoffice employees will find this new method of great advantage and it will result in a large economy in the service.

Steel Substituted for Brass.
There have also been some other notable improvements made, viz, the substitution of steel where brass was formerly used, at a very considerable lessening of expense; a device for fast-

FIRST GERMAN CAPTURED BY ENGLISH IN PICARDY DRIVE



Top—Prisoners resting while being marched back behind the lines. Germans in prison camp in foreground. Background is what is evidently portion of English second line trenches. British soldiers have built dugouts in hill and protected them with sand bags. These pictures are issued by the British official press bureau.

tening foreign mail pouches, doing away with the old-fashioned method of string and seal; a scheme for saving twice by means of a simple holder which permits free and easy use without waste; and a flexible stamp design, for which the contract price was 84 cents, but which will now be made at a cost of but 3 cents. A mechanical pickup or racing letter for use in factoring and stacking letters in first class postoffices has also been developed and will soon be perfected. This device is considered superior to those now in use and costs less than one third as much to manufacture. Those at present in use cost approximately \$1500.

It will thus be seen that the activities of the postoffice department have been centered along lines which will not only produce large economies to the people of the country, but will also prove a great convenience to those in the service. The fourth assistant postmaster general, in whose bureau these measures of economy were developed and who has so faithfully devoted his time to that purpose.

WISE LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES SEE BIG FIGHT

(Continued From Page One.)
Wilson, but that proves nothing. Wilson was somewhat stronger than his party four years ago; all concede that he is very much stronger than the party now.

Hughes Stock Declining.
If there is anything in a record of progressive performance, the Democrats will benefit from it. The country is prosperous, and the Republicans are depressed. The Democrats are in a position to win the next election. The Democrats are in a position to win the next election.

Charles B. Landis, many years a Republican congressman from Indiana, while in Washington recently gave an interview in which he stated that in his judgment the result of the next election cannot yet be guessed, and the currents have not settled, and surface indications are that the race is to be close. In different language, but to the same effect, was the view given James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, Democrat.

These are direct expressions of what is generally felt, and sometimes evaded. It can be said, however, that Hughes stock has declined since the conventions were held. An excessive burst of confidence among some of the Republicans at that time has moderated as the illusion of extraordinary strength was dispelled.

SERIOUS CATASTROPHE IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN TO "CYCLONE" DAVIS

Washington, July 22.—Representative "Cyclone" Davis is threatened with the loss of his seat in the House of Representatives. The House is expected to vote on a resolution to remove him from office.

unknown individual in Texas, but "Cyclone" Davis is known to everyone. When he ran for congress two years ago his name was printed on the ballot "J. H. (Cyclone) Davis," and he swept the state, for his district is the state-at-large. This year some unfeeling officials have ruled out the parenthesis. As mere J. H. Davis his case is serious.

WHITE MAN IS NAMED TO SUCCEED JOHNSON AS DISTRICT RECORDER

Washington, July 22.—Older members of congress, like Uncle Joe Cannon and Champ Clark, served in the earlier part of their congressional careers with colored colleagues from the south. When "Tom" Reed was speaker, and even later, under Crisp and Henderson, two or three ebony heads were to be seen representing some of the black districts of the south.

Changing influences, not to mention election laws, eliminated the black congressman long ago. But during all this time, or ever since 1851, a negro has been recorder of the District of Columbia, salary \$4000. The most distinguished men of the race have held the job, beginning with Frederick Douglass, and including Blanche K. Bruce of Mississippi, once United States senator, and Henry P. Cheatham, for many years a congressman from North Carolina.

The chain has just been broken. President Wilson appointing John F. Costello, a white man, and Democratic congressman from the district. Henry L. Johnson, a prominent negro politician of Georgia resigned the job in 1914, since which time the deputy recorder has been performing the duties. Costello was promptly confirmed by the senate.

Penrose Still "Great Absentee."
Washington, July 22.—Senator Penrose continues to increase his grip on the title of the "great absentee." He has not appeared on the floor of the senate since the conventions, nor for many weeks before. He has in fact been in Washington a total of only three or four weeks since the present congress met. He was sworn in for a new term on the first day of the session, was active in the early caucus, but then disappeared until the armor plate fight warmed up, when he devoted a few days more to senatorial service.

Great Year for Farmers.
Washington, July 22.—The present session of congress has been an unusually fruitful one for the American farmer. Two great constructive measures such as the rural credits and good roads bills are rapidly enacted in such a short space of time, and in pressing these two measures to successful issue the administration has made a record that is likely to appeal to the farmers.

For years and years rural credit legislation and national aid for roads have been talked, but it never went further than the talking stage. The bills enacted may contain flaws, and probably do, but a start has been made that is highly encouraging to those who have urged laws for the betterment of rural life.

GARMENT WORKERS IN NEW YORK WIN STRIKE AFTER LENGTHY FIGHT

(Continued From Page One.)
The strike has been in progress since May 1. It was preceded by a lockout two days earlier, when the manufacturers learned that the workers were preparing to strike about the middle of July. With the men locked out and those on strike the local number of workers involved has been 45,000.

Claim Protocol Broken.
For some years the manufacturers and men had been operating under a protocol which provided for the recognition of the union on an agreement that there should be no strikes, all issues being referred to a conciliation committee. The preparation to strike in July broke this protocol, the employers claimed, but the workers declared the protocol already had been broken by the manufacturers discharging members of the union for no other reason than that they were union men.

Mayor Mitchell sought to obtain arbitration of the issues and President Wilson this week, on the petition of New York businessmen, suggested inquiry by the departments of labor and commerce. The manufacturers had steadfastly refused to arbitrate the question of the right of the men to strike and the full right of the employers to discharge any employee.

Winning the employers' agreement to arbitration of these points was considered by the employees a complete victory for themselves.

Bedclothes Saves Her From Bullets

Japanese, Desperate Because Editor's Wife Won't Elope With Him, Shoots at Her and Then Kills Himself.
Los Angeles, July 22.—(P. N. S.)—Patience in his efforts to induce Mrs. H. Hittori to leave her three children and elope with him, H. Akasawa, a young Japanese, early today fired two shots at the woman and then ended his life.

The woman saved her life by huddling beneath the bedclothes and remaining still. Both bullets bored into the bed without touching her. The three small children of Mrs. Hittori lay asleep at her side and were not awakened by the shots.

Mrs. Hittori is the wife of the proprietor of the Southern California Times, a Japanese publication. He was absent at the time of the tragedy.

wrecking buildings here and seriously damaging the wheat crop, already damaged by black rust. So far as known no one was killed. Reports from surrounding towns are meager but say damage was great. Among the buildings destroyed here was Trinity church.

DEUTSCHLAND LIKELY TO BE ON HER WAY TO GERMANY BY MONDAY

Application for Clearance Filed Yesterday and Was Presumably Granted Boat.

SHE MAY AWAIT BREMEN

One Report Is That Deutschland Will Pass Out of Capes While the Bremen Is Passing In.

By Carl D. Groat.
Baltimore, Md., July 22.—(U. P.)—The Deutschland, Germany's first undersea freighter, today seemed likely to be up and off on her homeward journey before Monday night.

This prediction is based upon the first thoroughly tangible act of her promoters in several days—the filing this afternoon of application for clearance.

Presumably Collector of the Port Ryan granted the clearance shortly after noon. He left town, so his family said, at the same time refusing to divulge his destination.

With preservation of neutrality in the case, there seemed no chance of his announcing the clearance until after the ship's departure.

Must Leave in 48 Hours.
If the clearance was granted, as believed, the vessel must leave port in 48 hours or re-clear. Re-clearance, however, is rare and probably would be resorted to in this case only if unforeseen developments occurred.

Incidents of the late afternoon tended to indicate that the Deutschland managers know her sister ship Bremen is en route. Captain Hirsch and officers of the submarine secretly conferred over maps and plans which, it was understood, charted the position of the allied patrol off the capes and traced the expected route of both the Bremen and the Deutschland.

Naval men said tonight one method of "fooling" the patrol would be to have the Deutschland reach the capes and then submerge while the Bremen appeared and headed inward. Such a move would make it appear that the outward bound vessel was returning to port.

Strong information came today that the Bremen is escorted by two fighting submarines. There, it is said, will accompany her to the capes and perhaps attempt to sink allied ships, afterward protecting the Deutschland outward bound.

Alleged Spy Discharged.
The clearance application and the Hirsch conferences led close observers to feel confident that the vessel is at last preparing for an early dash. There was some prospect tonight of labor trouble at the Deutschland dock, for one of the negroes employed as guard was discharged, he said, on the claim that he was a British spy.

Then, too, some of the negroes said they were disgruntled over the matter of pay and one of them said he would

see to it that the Deutschland did not leave the pier if matters were not adjusted. Attorney Mark Jackson of the stevedores' organization admitted he had heard "some inkling of trouble" but refused to discuss the matter further.

War Boosts Price Of Salvation; All Bibles Cost More

New York, July 22.—(U. P.)—Following its announcement some months ago that the war had greatly increased the cost of manufacturing Bibles, the American Bible society revised its price list today. Cloth-bound volumes have gone up 40 per cent, leather bound 25 per cent, and paper bound 50 per cent. Imported Bibles also have advanced.

THREE POSSES HUNT FOR SLAYER OF WIFE AND TWO NEIGHBORS

J. P. Marlow Enraged Over Gossip as to Alleged Relations With Own Daughter.

Hugo, Okla., July 22.—(U. P.)—Three posses today were seeking J. P. Marlow, who last night shot his wife and two men while enraged over neighborhood gossip that he had had illicit relations with his own daughter.

The dead are: Mrs. J. P. Marlow, John Sutter, William Beeler. Mrs. Marlow, which was taken at 10 o'clock last night and lived until 2 o'clock this morning. In an ante-mortem statement she said her husband came into her room last night and said he had shot Beeler and Sutter, and would be satisfied when he had killed two other men he named. Then he shot Mrs. Marlow.

Marlow was employed on Marlow's farm near Cody, six miles north of here, and Beeler lived across the road. Some time ago the constable in that precinct received a letter saying that Marlow had illicit relations with his three-year-old daughter. The constable lost the letter and it was later found and sent to the county attorney.

Marlow is understood to have learned of the letter and to have suspected Beeler and several neighbors of being responsible for it.

McNear Ignorant of Reason for Seizure

Owner of Prinz Valdemar Says Craft Carried Non-Contraband Goods and Was Bound for Neutral Country.

San Francisco, July 22.—(P. N. S.)—G. W. McNear Jr., head of the firm of G. W. McNear & Co., today awaited further news of the seizure of the company's American schooner Prinz Valdemar, which was taken by the Germans. The vessel carried non-contraband goods bound for a neutral country, McNear says. The first word of the seizure of the schooner was received while the chamber of commerce was forwarding protests to Washington against the blacklisting of the McNear company and the Petroleum Products company, also of this city.

"We are awaiting further word about the seizure of our vessel," McNear said. "The case already is in the hands of our attorneys and their action will be guided by the developments in the matter."

Cut Down His German Flag.

Woodport, N. J., July 22.—(U. P.)—Herman Wesley had long refused to lower a German flag which he had raised in honor of the Deutschland. Today he awakened to find the flag pulled down by a committee of indignant villagers.

African Towns Occupied.
London, July 22.—(U. P.)—British forces have occupied the towns of Mubana and Amali, together with the whole Usambara railway line, in German East Africa, it is announced here tonight.

French inventors claim to have produced an artificial wool from straw that has the strength of oak.

Edwards Furniture Co. Fifth St. at Oak

This Store Is Economy Headquarters for Dependable FURNITURE

It is logical to select your home furnishings from the store which best meets your every want and need. The completeness and extensiveness of our stock, the quality, economy and service that we offer, have put us in a class alone. We serve the home-furnishing wants of all the people. We are so confident that our offers will convince you of our claim—"greatest values for the least money"—that all we ask is, visit our store. During the remainder of this month you should not fail to take advantage of the many amazing values on High-Class Furniture which is being offered at

July Clearance Sale Prices

A Better Bed Than the Picture Shows

Vernis Martin Finish; new, all-steel tubing beds, with 2-inch continuous posts and five 1-inch filler rods instead of four, as shown in picture. Bed stands 52 inches in height, is light in weight, easy to handle and will not tear carpets or mar the floor.

Your Credit Is Good

Best \$10.50 Bed

At a Saving of \$4.25

\$6.25

Out-of-Town Folks Please Add 50c to Insure Safe Packing

Solid - Oak Dressers

While they last the below-mentioned High-class Dressers in golden oak, dull finish, will be sold at a great saving to you.

Saving \$6.45. \$24.00 solid oak Dresser, with 21 1/2 x 27 1/2-inch French plate beveled mirror and four drawers..... **\$17.55**

Saving \$2.65. \$14.50 Solid Oak Dresser with 19 1/2 x 24-inch French plate beveled mirror and four drawers..... **\$11.85**

Saving \$1.75. \$11.50 Solid Oak Dresser with 13 1/2 x 23 1/2-inch French plate beveled mirror and three drawers..... **\$9.75**

Quarter Sawn, Solid-Oak Rocker

Genuine Spanish Leather Auto-Cushion Seats

SAVE \$6.25. \$25 Quarter - Sawn Solid Oak Rocker, with leather upholstered cushion back and auto-cushion seat..... **\$18.75**

SAVE \$3.55. \$15.50 Quarter - Sawn Solid Oak Rocker, with 4-slant back and auto-cushion seat..... **\$11.95**

SAVE \$3.55. \$13.50 Quarter - Sawn Solid Oak Rocker with leather pillow back and auto-cushion seat..... **\$9.95**

SAVE \$2.75. \$12.50 Quarter - Sawn Solid Oak Rocker, with four-slant back and auto-cushion seat..... **\$9.75**

Traveling Bags, Suit Cases and Trunks

A Clearance Prices

All-leather Suitcase, with heavy leather-bound corners, nickel-plated locks and safety straps..... **\$5.95**

24-inch Suitcase, with brass locks, leather-bound corners and safety straps..... **\$2.95**

24-inch Fiber Suitcase, with strong frame, brass locks, bound corners, strong grip and safety straps..... **\$1.95**

18-inch, two-compartment, all-leather Traveling Bag, with brass safety locks..... **\$6.75**

18-inch all-leather Traveling Bag, with brass safety locks, in black only..... **\$4.50**

22-inch Trunk, with cleated top and bottom, heavy bound corners and gold locks..... **\$5.75**

KRYPTOK

FAR VISION

Without Lines in the Lens

KRYPTOKS

made by us cost no more than Kryptoks made by other opticians, but the Kryptoks supplied by us are better, being finished on specially made machines and in the finest, most completely equipped retail optical factory in Portland.

Besides, we do all the work under one roof, from the examination of your eyes to the accurate fitting of the finished glasses.

THOMPSON

Optical Institute

209-10-11 Corbett Bldg.

Portland's Oldest and Exclusive Optical House