

MAIL RATES REDUCED TO 1921 BASIS

Measure If Signed By President To Take Effect Next July—One Cent Postal Card Restored—Special Delivery Receipt Increase Predicted.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Congress completed legislative action today on a measure to reduce postal rates on most classes of mail to the 1921 basis, thereby eliminating \$16,285,000 from the mail costs of the nation to take effect on next July 1. The end of the bill's legislative journey came with the adoption by both the senate and the house of a conference report smoothing out differences in the legislation approved by the two bodies. The measure now goes to the president.

The conference agreement was adopted by both houses without record votes and Chairman Grist of the house postoffice committee, author of the measure, predicted it would meet the approval of President Coolidge. The bill as first passed by the house proposed a reduction of \$13,000,000 in postal revenues by re-establishing entirely the 1921 basis of postal rates. The senate materially revised the measure and incorporated the 1929 rates as the basis for the charges on some classes of mail, which was estimated as likely to incur a loss in postal revenues of \$11,000,000.

Newspapers and magazines receive a large benefit from the measure in reduced mail costs which are estimated to create a saving of \$6,000,000 a year. The reduced rates include a return to the 1920 basis for the mailing of advertising reading matter. Among other provisions are: Restoration of the one cent postal card. Reduction to the 1921 basis of most matter falling under the second, third and fourth classes of mail.

Reduction of bulk pound rates on third class matter, causing a decrease in rates of \$10,500,000. Reduction of rates to distant zones on fourth class matter, a decrease of \$2,200,000. A minimum charge per piece on second class matter when there are 25 pieces or more to the pound.

The provision of special delivery stamps in denominations of ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and 35 cents with the service extended to all classes of mail, estimated to cause an increase in the postal revenue of \$500,000.

The reduction in the second class rates which affect the mail charges on advertising portions of newspapers and magazines would place the first four zones under the 1920 rate basis and the remaining four zones at a midway point between the 1920 and 1921 charges.

Skyscraper Climber



Although she has attained some fame in aviation, Lillian Gatlin, said to be the first woman to fly across the continent, is attempting a pedestrian's altitude and speed record by climbing the steps of the Woolworth building, New York City, in 99 minutes. There are 1,000 steps, and she hopes to win a prize of \$22,000 for the feat. Miss Gatlin chose Friday, April 13, for her attempt.

M'CUMBER BLAMES WIFE'S DEATH TO KICK OF HORSES

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 26.—(AP)—The defense of Ivan McCumber, on trial for the murder of his wife, accused during the afternoon session of the trial today.

McCumber finished his testimony in his own defense by denying that he had quarreled with his wife and by flatly challenging a large part of the testimony introduced by the state. Mrs. Miley Murray, a neighbor testified to being at the McCumber home the day of the injury to Mrs. McCumber. She said McCumber exhibited deep grief and did everything possible to assist her. He also showed consideration of her relatives in notifying them and in concluding funeral and burial arrangements.

Roy Avery, another neighbor, testified that the McCumber horses were vicious and were given to

biting. He also presented for evidence the horseshoes of the two horses nearest to where McCumber claimed he picked up his wife from the floor of the stable. The defense offered as a reason for not procuring the services of an undertaker that the roads were bad and that considerable difficulty and delay would have been experienced in procuring such services.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The condition of Representative Thomas Duff of Pennsylvania has steadily grown worse during the day. Members of his family said that attending physicians held little hope for his recovery.

DIRIGIBLE LANDS

(Continued from Page One) than 150 hours have elapsed since the big dirigible took the air for a round trip to the North Pole. Her wireless have frequent reports of the homeward flight up to early Thursday morning. It has not been heard since. Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth, companions of General Noble on the 1925 voyage of the dirigible Norge across the pole volunteered their services as soon as the need for rescue work became apparent. Amundsen accepted a suggestion from the Norwegian government that he lead

a searching party. In this he will have assistance of Captain Otto Everdrup, who is deeply versed in the Arctic. Captain Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen, Norwegian ace and second in command of the Norge accepted a commission from his government to examine the possibilities of airplane rescue work with all possible dispatch.

The Norwegian government itself, acting on an urgent appeal for aid from the Italian minister at Oslo, ordered a noted ice breaking ship to sail tomorrow for the north. Russian soviet agencies along the Arctic from the Norwegian border to the eastern reaches of Siberia have been told by their government to be on the lookout.

The possibility that the big airship may have been wind-driven toward the Siberian coast called for this Russian activity but that possibility also was viewed by General Noble's fellow explorers as almost a doom. They insisted if any rescue ship or airplane could ever reach the Italia in those regions. Commander Richard E. Byrd, U. S. N., who first saw the North Pole from an airplane, thought forced marches through the Arctic wastes would be beyond the power of the Noble expedition. The possibility that the Italia may have been wrecked against a mountainside was seriously consid-

ered at her northern base in King's bay. On the other side of the picture is a hope that the dirigible may have won anchorage in the lee of a friendly island or mountain and that her lack of reports by radio is due to a breakdown in wireless and not to a major disaster.

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP)—Lincoln Ellsworth who accompanied General Umberto Nobile to the North Pole in 1926, tonight cabled Roald Amundsen offering to accompany him or render any other assistance possible for the relief of Nobile. Amundsen has accepted the request of the Norwegian government to lead an expedition in search of Nobile and the crew of the missing dirigible Italia.

NAVAL AIR STATION, LAKE HURST, N. J., May 26.—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander Charles E.

JOHNS-MANVILLE ROOFING and SHINGLES AT TROWBRIDGE LUMBER YARD

Rosendahl, skipper of the dirigible Italia was hope to somewhere in the polar regions, awaiting the abatement of the gale before the returns to her base.

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LOOP ROAD IN CRATER PK. TO OPEN FRIDAY

Road To Rim and Lodge Ready June 22—Lodge Open June 25 — Bears Wreck Anna Springs Ranger Station..

With the return to the city yesterday of the Davidson, supervisor of construction of Crater national park, who went up to the park early last week with a crew of ten men to begin the preparatory work of opening the park for the season, and his report to Superintendent C. D. Thomson of conditions he found there, Colonel Thomson gave out the announcement that the loop road at Anna Springs camp would be open by June 1, which will be welcome news to both the Medford and Klamath Falls people who like to travel by that route to either city, and also to those who desire to go by that route to Pelican bay.

The statement was also reiterated that the roads in the park all the way to the lodge will be open by June 22. However, it is not yet known whether the lodge will be in operation before June 25th, on which date it will cater to the California Editorial convention and its three days' convention there, and be open for the remainder of the season.

The Medford entrance road in the park is now open and free from snow to within less than three miles from Anna Springs camp. Supervisor Davidson and his crew of ten men devoted much of their time last week to getting out logs for the construction of the new ranger station at Anna Springs camp, to replace the present cancer station.

When Davidson and his men arrived at Anna Springs camp they found that the bears had practically wrecked the ranger station, both inside and out. He will return to the national park today.

It is not known yet when Superintendent Thomson will send an additional labor crew to engage in the work of freeing the roads of snow, etc.

DINNER Today \$1.00 HOTEL MEDFORD

LAKEVIEW-NEVADA ESPEE BRANCH IN NOW BROAD GAUGE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—(AP)—Northern California and Oregon have been connected by another standard gauge line, George W. Doehke, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific said today upon the completion of broadgaging the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad. The line will be turned over for operation Monday.

The line, 153 miles in length, was taken over by the Southern Pacific at the direction of the interstate commerce commission and broad gaged. It connects with the Southern Pacific Ferry-Susannah line and extends to Lakeview, Ore.

Residents of three counties which the new line serves will join in a celebration at Lakeview September 1 to 2.

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CAKE CONTEST

In connection with our Electric Range demonstration we will give merchandise prizes for the best cakes made from recipes given by Miss Lindquist, Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

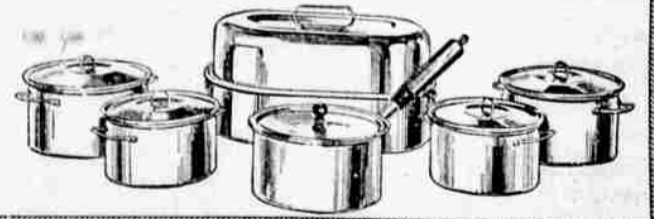
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