

## LOW SALARIES PAID POSTAL CLERKS

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CAN'T SECURE EFFICIENT MEN

So Says First Asst. P. M. Gen. Hitchcock—Recommends Better Facilities for Mining Towns.

Washington, Dec. 27.—In his annual report, made public today, First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock says that the low salaries paid clerks in first and second class postoffices is decreasing the standard of efficiency. It is impossible, he says, to induce efficient men to enter this branch of the service when the salary to begin with is but \$500 per year, with no certainty of promotion for perhaps several years.

Mr. Hitchcock strongly recommends a discontinuance of the practice of installing postoffices in public buildings devoted in part to other branches of the government service. The best type of quarters for postoffice purposes, he says, is a single large room in a one-story building.

Much embarrassment has been occasioned the postal authorities to provide emergency mail facilities in mining towns, and Mr. Hitchcock recommends an emergency appropriation of \$75,000 to meet such requirements.

There has been an increase of more than \$15,000,000 in the amount of domestic and of more than \$5,000,000 in the amount of foreign money orders issued during the year over the one preceding.

While the number of undelivered letters which found their way into the dead letter office during the year was smaller than during the previous year, the number of undelivered letters with valuable enclosures greatly increased. General prosperity of the country is given as one reason; another is the suppression by the department of concerns using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Mail for such concerns containing money, money orders and commercial paper was received at the dead letter office in unusual quantities. Nearly 11,000,000 pieces of mail were received at the dead letter office during the year, including 1,634 that failed of delivery in the Panama canal zone.

CASTRO IS ANGRY.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The state department is informed that trouble has broken out between Colombia and Venezuela, owing to the effort of President Castro to secure the return to Venezuela of one of his generals who had fled to Colombia. One of the Venezuelan consuls has been recalled.

## WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN.

From the view point of the average man, housework is very easy. The wife is right at home. She is her own mistress. She can sit down and rest any time. She can even go to bed for a nap if she feels like it. She can order her household affairs just to suit her own convenience. If she doesn't feel equal to doing work today, she can do it tomorrow. That's the beautiful theory of the average man.

Just suppose the Egyptian task-masters, when they made the required daily tale of bricks tax the utmost of human strength, had said to the toiling slaves, "Don't hurry, take a rest every now and then—only don't forget that your tale bricks must be all right at night or else there'll be trouble."

There's the fact. There are the day's duties to be got through, and the women who can rest may not. The woman who, when she married, said, "Now, I'll be my own mistress," finds herself a slave to household cares and duties.

And oh! how much that woman needs rest sometimes. She brushes and scrubs, and rolls pastry, her temples throbbing, her back aching, her nerves quivering under the stress of pain. What she would give if she could just creep upstairs and throw herself on the bed in a darkened room and rest.

Rest would temporarily relieve the strain, doubtless, but it would be the same story over again tomorrow. The real need of weak, nervous women is strength, and that need is fully met and satisfied by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. It removes the causes of women's weakness, tranquilizes and invigorates the nerves, encourages the appetite and induces restful sleep. "Favorite Prescription" is a positive cure for the most complicated and obstinate cases of leucorrhoea, excessive flowing, painful menstruation, unnatural suppression and irregularity, proflapsus or falling of the womb, weak back, "female weakness," anteversion, retroversion, bearing-down sensations, chronic congestion, inflammation and ulceration of the womb, inflammation, pain and tenderness of the ovaries, accompanied with "internal heat."

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and notice has been given by President Castro that he will withdraw the Venezuelan consulate at Bogota.

## CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE AGAINST TRADING IN BIDS.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The board of trade today frowned upon the trading in "bids" and "offers," which have been adopted as substitutes for "puts" and "calls" since those privileges were abolished.

The trading in "bids" and "offers" has been conducted in the smoking room of the Board of Trade building, after the close of the regular market. Today, when a crowd of brokers attempted to enter the room, they found their way barred by a number of ushers, who informed them that the real estate committee of the board had decided today that there will be no more trading in "bids" and "offers" in the Board of Trade building.

A large crowd of brokers immediately adjourned to the rear of the building, where the trade was commenced in and around the rear door on the first floor. The ushers again compelled them to move, and finally the dealers in "bids" and "offers" hastened across the street and rented a vacant room on LaSalle street, within a few minutes walk of the Board of Trade building, where they resumed trading.

## JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

It Finds Favor in Eyes of King Victor Emmanuel.

Rome, Dec. 27.—King Emmanuel today received in private audience Harry St. George, president of the Jamestown Exposition company. The king inquired minutely about the new exposition, showing knowledge of former undertakings of the same kind in America, and expressed himself in favor of the participation of the Italian government in the displays at Jamestown.

## FITZ WILL CONTEST DIVORCE.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Robert Fitzsimmons stated tonight that he will leave for New York next Monday and that he will contest an effort of his wife to secure a divorce.

## BRITISH BARK DRIVEN ON ROCKS.

The Pass of Melfort Name of the  
Vessel that Went to Destruction.

ALL ON BOARD WERE LOST.

Bodies of Seamen Washing Ashore—  
Effort Being Made to Recover  
And Identify Them.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The British bark Pass of Melfort, Capt. Cougall, from Ancon on Puget Sound, drove ashore on the rocks of Vancouver island, a quarter of a mile east of Amplitrite Point, last night, and all on board were lost. The vessel was making for the entrance to the straits when the terrific southwest gale drove her to a lee shore on Vancouver island and the doomed ship drove with terrific force on to the rocks, breaking up soon afterward.

The first body recovered was that of a seaman dressed in oil skins and overalls. Two more were seen afterward seen rolling in the heavy surf but could not be recovered. A number of ship's buckets all marked "Pass of Melfort" were found on the beach and not far away in a small bay at the extreme of Amplitrite point, which marks the westerly entrance to Barclay sound, the ship's barometer, broken bowls, oars and the figurehead of the wrecked bark came ashore, together with other wreckage. Two sparrows were visible to watchers from shore washing about as though held by other submerged wreckage.

A torn piece of paper which seems like part of the logbook of Capt. Cougall, was found on the beach with the name "Joan Houston," on it, and not far away a water soaked photograph of 15 seamen and apprentices of the Pass of Melfort taken at the break of the bark's poop, was found on the beach.

Tonight at midnight Capt. James Gauden, agent of marine and fisheries, received a dispatch from Uclulet that everything possible was being done to recover more bodies and to identify if possible, the bodies that had come ashore. There was a whistling buoy recently placed off Amplitrite point, but it disappeared in a gale two weeks ago and two days before Christmas the government steamer Quadra was sent to look for the missing buoy to replace it, but the government steamer failed to find the buoy, in a short search and returned to Port for Christmas.

The Pass of Melfort is a British four-masted steel bark, of 2,346 tons, built in 1891 at Glasgow for Gibson & Clark. She was last seen by the British ship Brodick, which was passing by the wrecked bark and Capt. Olsson of the Brodick, who himself had a narrow escape when coming into the straits, had expected to find the lost vessel in port before him.

## JOHN BURNS ATTACKS "ORIENTALIZED IMPERIALISM"

London, Dec. 27.—John Burns, president of the local government board, made his first public address since his entry into the cabinet when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight. In a characteristically courageous speech he said his accession to office was the elevation of his constituents to power—the honor was theirs, but the work was for him. He declared that he would ponder to no section of the population, but would do his duty for the benefit of the whole community.

Mr. Burns said he had such strong sympathy with the cause of the working classes that he had no sympathy to spare for the loafer, "cadgers" or drunkard. His ideal was fewer workhouses, smaller charities, larger wages, more pleasure and less drink. In the smaller cities and in the larger villages he was already appointing committees to enable the rate payers to have their accounts prepared in such a way that he who ran might read. He vigorously attacked what he called "orientalized imperialism," of which South Africa was the fruit and South Africa the "rotten ripe product." He denounced Chinese labor as being especially dangerous, because it would lead to absolute chattel slavery.

## COLVILLE INDIANS.

They Have Agreed to the Cession of  
South Half of Reservation.

Miles, Wash., Dec. 27.—Cession of Indian lands on the south half of the Colville reservation to the government is agreed to by the Indians on the Colville Indian reservation. The fact was made public today that 450 adult Indians had signed the agreement.

To make the agreement binding not less than 350 signatures were necessary, but Maj. James McLaughlin, special Indian inspector, and Capt. John McQuay, Webster, U. S. A., Indian agent, clinched the agreement by securing 100 signatures over the necessary number.

The agreement, which must be ratified by Congress to make it binding, includes the payment of a million dollars to the Indians for lands already ceded on the north half; provides that allotments of 80 acres shall be made from lands of the south half to landless Indians on the reservation, further provides that the proceeds from the sale of the remaining lands shall be held in trust for the Indians and the interest thereon, at 4 per cent, shall be expended for their improvement; that mineral lands shall not be increased in the allotments of sales, having already been thrown open to location.

## A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Washington, Dec. 27.—In submitting his annual report as supervising inspector-general of the steamboat inspection service, George Usher expresses considerable anxiety regarding the present practice of carrying crude petroleum in passenger steamers in quantities which jeopardize the safety of the ship and passengers. Much of this oil, he said, is so highly inflammable that it will flash at the ordinary summer temperature of the atmosphere.

Mr. Usher suggests that prohibition be placed on the use of oil which will flash at less than 140 degrees.

## MITCHELL'S CREDITORS.

May Be Induced to Take Long Time  
Notes From Him.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The liabilities of R. B. Mitchell, the stock broker who failed yesterday, are estimated to aggregate about \$100,000. While some of his creditors have made many criticisms against his business methods, it is said that some of his influential

friends may come to his rescue by inducing them to accept his notes on long time and thus give him an opportunity to recoup on commission business. John A. Percy, Mitchell's attorney, states that the broker is confined to his home by illness, but will give him a power of attorney. At present, however, Percy was not authorized to say anything about the failure.

The Pacific Grain & Stock exchange, conducted by O'Brien & Co., in Leiden street, did not open its doors today. Its failure to do so is reported in stock market circles to be due to the Mitchell failure. The business done by the firm is said to have been small and the losses, if any, are not believed to amount to much.

## EMERSON HALL. HARVARD, DEDICATED.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 27.—Emerson Hall, the new home of the philosophical department at Harvard university and named in honor of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was dedicated today in the presence of the members of the American Philosophical and Psychological association and the various governing boards of the university. Prof. Hugo Münsterberg, head of the department of philosophy, presided and the speakers were President Charles W. Eliot and Dr. Edward Waldo Emerson, a son of the great American.

In his address President Eliot said: "We believe that Emerson's name will be a lasting one and immortal one; not that Emerson was a philosopher or a psychologist—he was not only a systematic thinker, but more, a prophet, a prophet, many of whose prophecies have already been fulfilled. He was a New Englander, hence an American in the broadest sense. He was a political seer. We find in his writings ideals of government as well as of learning. Hence, his name is appropriate to this institution and to this department of the institution."

## STEPHEN DECATUR.

Midshipman With Historic Name to  
Be Tried for Hazing.

Annapolis, Dec. 27.—Midshipman Stephen Decatur of Portsmouth, N. H., a member of the first class of midshipmen, is charged with complicity in hazing at the Naval academy, and he is to be tried by court-martial. The ground for the charge against Decatur was disclosed by the investigation on the board detailed by Sup. Sands to probe the hazing question at the institution.

Decatur is descended from the famous Commodore Decatur. He stands No. 6 in a class of 100 members and ranks as a star member.

## ACCUSED MURDERER SUICIDES.

Fort Worth, Dec. 27.—A special to the Record from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, says that J. C. Hills, wanted in Stone-wall county, Tex., for the murder of J. D. McGaughey, was arrested there by Deputy Sheriff Ducey and committed suicide by poisoning. Hills was accused of poisoning McGaughey, who was raised him, for \$16,000 life insurance which McGaughey carried for his benefit.

Hills, who was employed in a Fort Worth bank, entered a claim for the insurance, which the company had been pending an investigation. Hills then went to Mexico. He was prominent in local financial and church circles. Hills was about 30 years old.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 27.—The news has just been received here that the government weather station at Northhead, Wash., was wrecked by lightning Tuesday afternoon. Operator Kellihier was knocked senseless temporarily, the meteorological instruments were destroyed, the house was set on fire and every pane of glass in the building was shattered. The telephone instruments were broken into dozens of pieces and the nickel fixtures melted. The wires were burned and twisted from the building down to the cables leading to Fort Stevens.

The fire was extinguished, but it will be necessary to reconstruct the whole establishment.

## SUIT FOR OLD WAR CLAIM.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secy. Shaw and the United States treasurer are defendants in a suit instituted today in the federal court here to recover from the government the value of 25 steamboats alleged to have been taken from James E. Montgomery during the civil war by men representing themselves to be military officers of the United States. Mr. Montgomery, who is now dead, had been a prominent steamboat owner and lived at St. Louis. The suit is brought by the trustee of the Montgomery estate, who seeks to recover \$250,000 for the boats. The petition states that Mr. Montgomery opposed secession, but was compelled to cast his lot with the confederacy, as his property interests were chiefly in Mississippi. He became a commodore in the confederate navy, but was the first confederate officer to take the oath of allegiance to the United States after the war. He took the oath in the presence of Gen. U. S. Grant, his neighbor, who was the first federal officer to congratulate Commodore Montgomery on his return to the support of the Union.

## JEROME'S VOTE INCREASED.

New York, Dec. 27.—Dist. Atty. Jerome's plurality was increased by nearly 5,000 over the police returns made on election night by the official returns made public today by the board of elections. His plurality is 15,064 instead of 11,450, as originally printed.

This gain was the result of corrections made by the board of canvassers and the counting of so-called void and protested ballots before.

## ODELL VISITS MERRITT.

New York, Dec. 27.—Former Gov. B. B. Odell, Jr., left for Newburgh tonight, after having spent the day in conference with E. A. Merritt, Jr., candidate for speaker of the assembly, and with local politicians. Mr. Odell would say nothing about Mr. Merritt's candidacy, only that conditions looked favorable tonight. He said he did not know whether or not he would go to Albany before the assembly caucus next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Merritt was still in town tonight. When asked if there was any truth in the reports of a compromise, he said: "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

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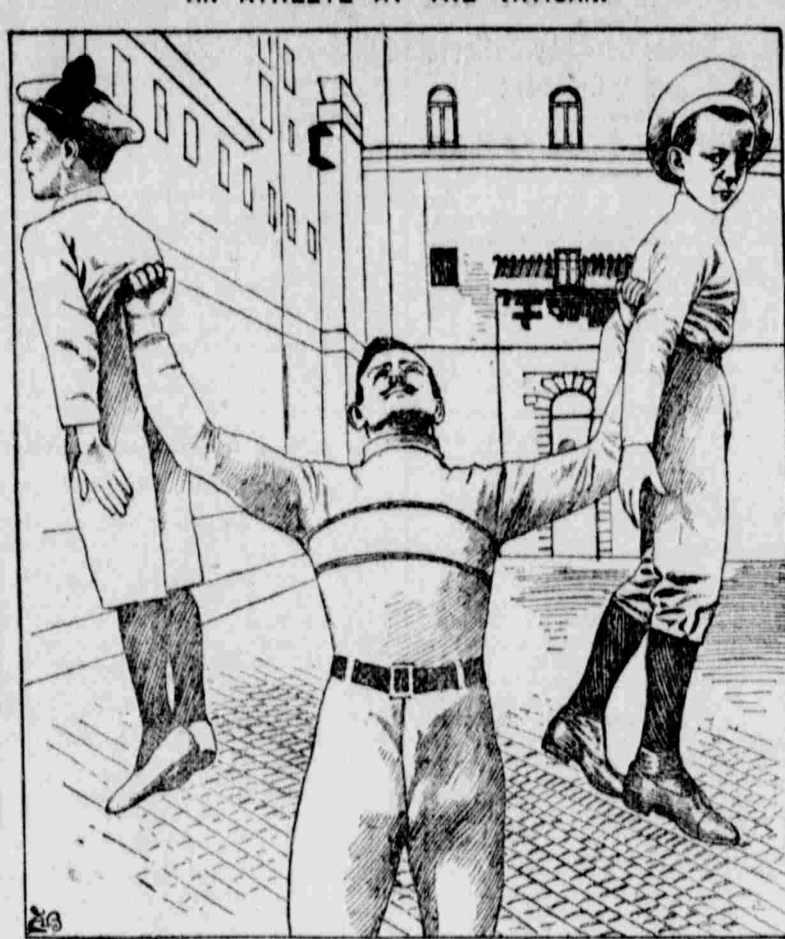
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## AN ATHLETE AT THE VATICAN.



The cut shows Alfred Meri, the champion amateur strong man of Italy, in a feat of strength which he accomplished recently at the Vatican in the presence of Pope Pius X. The present pontiff is an ardent advocate of athletic development. When he was patriarch of Venice he was in the habit of offering prizes for successful competition among the young men's societies.

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