

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW BUSINESS GAIN

Increase of 6.31 Per Cent in the Revenues Indicates a Healthy Condition.

INCREASE IN MONEY ORDERS

A Washington Correspondent Says Postal Statistics Clearly Set Forth Country's Growth.

The postoffice returns furnish the most accurate barometer we have of the condition of business. If a man or a firm is not doing anything they do not use the mails...

There was a falling off in various other sources of revenue, the most conspicuous being that from the money-order business.

The total revenues of the Postoffice Department for the fiscal year 1909 were \$263,562,353.07, being an increase from the previous year of \$12,983,719.66...

During the last ten years \$498,882,915 has been sent abroad in money orders alone, practically the entire amount being the savings of the foreign-born population...

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The revenue of the Postoffice Department is increasing rapidly, and amounted to \$263,562,353 last year, an increase of \$12,983,719, but it does not yet equal or even keep pace with the expenditures, which were \$221,004,102 during the fiscal year 1909...

The deficit in the earnings last year was larger than ever before in the history of the government, and amounted to \$17,478,770. Ten years ago the deficit was \$5,238,488...

Charles Fritz was murdered by a Navajo Indian near Ship Rock agency, New Mexico, according to news brought to Supt. Shelton of Durango, Col., by a band of Navajos.

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Henry Jones of life is feared as the result of an explosion in a coal mine at Onoda, Fukuoka province, Japan.

Miss Olga Anderson, 22, was shot and killed by a bullet from a machine gun in the hands of Miss Olga Anderson.

SUGAR SCHEDULE SWINDLE FRAUD ROBBERY BRIBERY CONSPIRACY COERCION. SUGAR TRUST. Illustration of a man in a top hat pointing to a large sign listing various crimes related to the sugar industry.

—Minneapolis Journal.

THREE GET FEDERAL POSTS.

Taft Names James L. Davenport Pension Chief, Succeeding Warner.

President Taft on Wednesday announced three appointments of national importance. James L. Davenport, First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, was selected for Pension Commissioner to succeed Vespasian Warner.

Mr. Davenport, chosen for the pension post, is from New Hampshire and has occupied the position of Deputy Commissioner for twelve years.

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POLITICS and POLITICIANS

At Richmond Miss Mary Johnston, the novelist, gave out a signed statement explaining why she signed the petition for the suffrage amendment.

Editor Waterston, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in a letter to his paper from Paris, says that nothing can stay the rising tide of socialism all over the world.

"Nine-tenths of all the objections now being offered to the central bank plan miss the mark; they do not apply at all to the kind of a central bank that is proposed."

At Detroit Senator Aldrich made the last of his speeches in the Middle West in the interest of monetary reform.

"Yes, I saw what Speaker Cannon said about the progressives not being Republicans. I will not answer him now. I could not do so in polite language."

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MURDERS LAID TO BROTHERS.

Arrests at Philadelphia for a Series of Crimes at Berwick, Pa.

Charged with being implicated in a series of "black hand" outrages, which the police say included three murders, Antonio Calabra was arrested in Philadelphia and returned to Berwick, Pa.

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KILLS MOTHER AND SELF.

Fugitive Also Slays Deputy and Wounds Farmer and Wife.

After slaying his mother and a deputy sheriff and wounding, probably fatally, a farmer and the latter's wife, when he turned their home into a barricade against a posse, Clyde Weaver killed himself by a bullet through the head.

LAUNCH CAPSIZES; FIVE DROWN.

Wedding Guests Die in Muskegon Lake When Gasoline Explodes.

Five persons were drowned in Muskegon Lake Thursday afternoon when the pleasure launch Olga, carrying a party of nine young people, capsized as the result of a panic following a gasoline explosion.

MEN CAUGHT IN BURNING MINE.

Eight Implored in Shaft in Tennessee, but Believed to Be Alive.

Eight men were imprisoned in a cave-in and fire Tuesday in one of the copper mines of the Tennessee Copper Company at Copper Hill, Tenn.

Southern Mob Slays Negro.

Morgan Chambers, a negro, was taken from Town Marshal Broadway and Deputy Joe Camp at Meehan, Miss., by a mob of 200 masked men and his body riddled with bullets.

Slayer Kills Girl's Father.

Pursuing his eloping daughter, who had run away from home with Columbus Huey, T. J. Sellers, one of the wealthiest planters of Mitchell county, Georgia, was shot to death in the public road when he caught the fleeing couple.

"DRYS" LOSE IN ALABAMA.

"Wets" Win by Big Majority, Killing Constitutional Amendment.

Every report increases the majority that the opponents of a constitutional amendment for prohibition gained in the election in Alabama Monday.

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BANKER IS GIVEN TEN YEARS.

Phil Allen, Jr., of Mineral Point, Wis., Pleads Guilty.

Phil Allen, Jr., former vice president of the First National Bank of Mineral Point, Wis., pleaded guilty before Judge Sanborn in the United States District Court in Madison, Wis.

Machine to Determine Death.

Meanwhile, Dr. Vaillant, chief of the radiographic service of La Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital, Paris, is experimenting with a machine which, he asserts, will provide an absolute test of death.

His excellency, Baron Liang K'ai, an uncle of the emperor of China, and brother of the empress, is in Washington, D. C., on a special mission for his government.

FOREIGN

THE IDLE SOPH.

The psychology students of Harvard are repeating a new criticism of their brilliant teacher, Prof. William James.

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PEOPLE BURIED ALIVE.

Widely Prevalent Dread of Grievous Accident Leads to Legislative Action.

INVENTOR'S SKILL AT WORK.

English Society for the Prevention of Premature Burial Extends Its Efforts.

Assemblyman Marks of Hudson County, New Jersey, introduced a bill in the house some time ago providing that all cemeteries shall be equipped with a receiving vault, the interior of which shall be in view of a person outside and subject to frequent inspection by a physician.

2,300 SWITCHMEN ON STRIKE.

The Northwestern Employees Claim Traffic Halted—Managers Deny It.

Conflicting statements were issued in St. Paul Tuesday night by members of the managers' committee of the railroads and the officers of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

FATHER, SON AND DAUGHTERS DIE.

When Street Car Hits Vehicle.

A father, two sons and two daughters are dead and the mother of the family and her 2-month-old baby probably will not survive the injuries they received in a collision between their automobile and a street car six miles from Los Angeles, Cal.

PANAMA CANAL DAMAGED.

Work Delayed from One to Three Years by Hales, Is Reported.

Passengers arriving at New Orleans from Panama the other day declare the damage to the canal by recent floods will delay completion of the work from one to three years.

SEAL BABY'S BODY FROM GRAVE.

Grave robbers stole the body of the infant son of Harfield Conrad from its grave in Highland Cemetery, near Great Falls, Mont., and are holding it presumably for ransom.

MOROCCAN CHIEFS YIELD TO SPAIN.

Chiefs of the important Moroccan tribes of Kabyles, Beni-Boufarouj and Beni-Sidel have made formal submission to Gen. Marina with much ceremony.

BOY KILLS WOUNDED COMPANION.

Omaha Lad Tells of "Making Good Job" After Hunting Accident.

While hunting the other day Wesley McBride, aged 16, according to his version of the affair, accidentally shot his companion, Harry Long, aged 15, in the jaw and then fired two more shots into his head to "make a good job of it."

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GIRL KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Miss Eva Shapiro of St. Paul was struck and killed at 24th street and Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis, by an automobile driven by Burt Kenaston, secretary of the Minneapolis Thrashing Machine Company.

MINE IS SEALED UP.

Blaze Eating Way Into Main Shaft at Cherry Causes Action.

The St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., was sealed up Wednesday night and will not be opened again for several weeks. This action was taken when it became known that the fire could not be controlled.

The danger of the fire working through the coal deposits in the second vein and up the face of the main shaft increased hourly. Wednesday afternoon all workers, with the exception of Captain Corrigan and his men of the Chicago fire department, were driven from the mine by the menacing fire.

FIGHT BANDITS IN FOG.

Minnesota Pair Rob Bank and Flee on Speeder.

In an early morning fog Sheriff Hazen, Deputy Johnson, and Patrolman Beiser halted at a bridge two bank robbers escaping on a railroad speeder from Puppsy, Minn., where they had blown open a bank about midnight.

300 ARE HOMELESS IN STRIKE.

Fifty Italians Imported to Take the Place of Mill Workers.

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BUDGET HURLED OUT BY LORDS, 350 TO 75

Force General Election in Fight with Commons for Control of Government.

STAKE THEIR POWER ON RESULT

Liberals Will Ask King to Create New Peers if Supported by People at Polls.

The British House of Lords in London has refused to accept the budget as drawn by Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George and passed by the House of Commons.

The defeat of the budget brings the lords and commons into direct conflict, the Liberal government, backing the commons, having announced that if the budget is upheld in the general election it will appeal to King Edward to create enough new peers to wipe out the present majority of the upper house.

The decision of the lords to reject the budget was in direct disregard of the advice of some of its ablest and oldest members such as Rosebery, Morley, Lord James of Hereford, Lord Cromer, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Lytton, Lord Courtney, and the archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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