

## PUT LOAD ON MAGAZINES.

Postoffice Committee Recommends Increase in Rate.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Magazine publishers will have to pay a rate of four cents a pound on the advertising sections of periodicals carried as second-class mail if an amendment to the postoffice appropriation adopted by the senate committee on post-offices and post-roads to-day is accepted by both branches of congress.

The action of the committee was not accomplished without a spirited contest, although the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 to 2.

## Hits Big Boys Only.

The increased rate for carrying advertising sections of magazines will apply only to the large publications, as an exemption is provided for periodicals of less than 4,000 pounds weight per issue.

The privilege of carrying advertising matter will be accorded to fraternal, patriotic, scientific and educational publications.

An appropriation of \$50,000 was made to provide for an investigation or such experiments as may be necessary to determine the lowest rate of postage at which the government can carry parcels not exceeding 11 pounds in weight by mail on rural routes.

## Preacher Offered Presidency.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—Rev. David M. Ramsey, D. D., of Grace Street Baptist church, this city, to-day announced that he had been tendered the presidency of Greenville Female college, a well known school for girls.

The proffer of the position was made several days ago, and not until it was learned from outside sources did Dr. Ramsey declare himself.

The minister has not yet decided what he will do.

He came here from Citadel Square church, Charleston, S. C. He has held various responsible positions in the work of the Southern Baptist church. It is understood that pressure will be brought to bear in an effort to persuade Dr. Ramsey to decline the offer.

## No Statement Made.

Greenville, Feb. 8.—It was learned from a dispatch from Richmond this afternoon that Rev. David Ramsey, pastor of Grace Street Baptist church has been offered the presidency of the Greenville Female college. Local trustees have given out no statement concerning the election.

## A Plenty of People.

According to a condensed report, given out last week, of the census taken last summer, South Carolina has a larger population to the square mile than any other Southern State, with the single exception of Virginia. In this State the average population to the square mile is 497 persons. If all the people in South Carolina were moved out of the cities and towns and distributed equally each would have a little less than 13 acres to his or her share.

So when thought is taken of the future of the growing up boys and girls it is plain that South Carolina has no room to spare for Italians, Greeks, Spaniards, Asiatics or new Africans. The good immigrant from the north of Europe who comes of his own accord to become one of us is most welcome, for in example and all the best virtues of citizenship he helps us more than he does himself. —Barnwell People.

## Land Brings Fancy Price.

Aiken, Feb. 9.—Land around Blackville is worth something. Yesterday W. B. Rothrock of this city sold to Dr. D. K. Briggs of Blackville 10 acres of land near that thriving little city, the consideration being \$250 per acre. This is perhaps the fanciest price farm land has ever sold for in that neighborhood, or perhaps any other in this section of the State. Mr. Rothrock owned a large plantation at that place, but has sold practically all of the lands at a high price.

## Must Not Discriminate.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate agrees with the house that wearers of the uniform of soldiers or sailors of the United States should be protected from discrimination by managers of places of entertainment. The senate, however, differs from the house as to the punishment that should be meted out for such discriminations.

The house bill, as it passed that body, imposed a fine of \$1,000 and a penalty of two years' imprisonment for such an offense against members of the army, navy or marine corps. The senate to-day passed the bill, but so amended it as to make the fine \$500 and to remove the imprisonment feature. Members of the revenue cutter service, however, were included with soldiers, sailors and marines by the senate.

All kinds of legal blanks for sale at The Herald Book Store.

## THE REAPPORTIONMENT BILL.

Congress Passes Bill Increasing its Size to 433 Members.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Democrats of the house aided by a few Republicans who declined to be bound by the party caucus, to-day won their fight for an increased representation in the lower branch of congress under the census of 1910. They voted down the Republican caucus bill to maintain the membership at 391 as at present, and then passed the original Crumpacker bill, fixing the membership at 433 on and after March 3, 1913. If Arizona and New Mexico should be admitted to statehood, they will be given one representative each, bringing the total up to 435.

## Concurrence Expected.

To-day's action of the house must be ratified by the senate. The house leaders believe that the senate will follow the wishes of the lower branch.

Under the new reapportionment plan no States loses a member. The following States gain the number indicated:

Alabama 1, California 3, Colorado 1, Florida 1, Georgia 1, Idaho 1, Illinois 2, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, Montana 1, New Jersey 2, New York 6, North Dakota 1, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 3, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 4, Rhode Island 1, South Dakota 1, Texas 2, Utah 2, Washington 2, West Virginia 1.

## Was Long Fight.

The house spent more than five hours in discussing and voting upon the bill and various proposed amendments. An amendment offered by Representative Bennett of New York designed to cut down Southern representation was voted down, 154 to 96. Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, chairman of the committee on the census, and author of a number of bills to reduce the representation from the States in the South, voted to-day against the Bennett amendment and was applauded by the Democrats.

The Democrats lost but one decision during the entire fight. A committee amendment in the bill, providing that States should be redistricted by the legislatures, was voted down on an appeal from the Republican members of the Missouri delegation. They declared the States should be permitted to redistrict themselves in their own way.

## Fought for Small House.

The advocates of a membership of 391 fought for their cause up to the very last minute. Just before the final vote was taken, Representative Campbell of California moved the recommitment of the 433 bill, with instructions to the committee of the whole house to report a substitute for 391 members. The motion was lost by a vote of 131 to 171. This reflects the sentiment of the members so decisively that the vote by which the bill was passed was decided in the affirmative without a division or a roll call.

Champ Clark of Missouri, in favoring an increase in membership, declared that the real work of the house would continue to be performed in committee and that the number of members on the floor would make little or no difference.

## Blease's Large Majority.

Columbia, Feb. 7.—Inasmuch as a good deal is being said these days on the majority Mr. Blease got last fall—Mr. Blease himself says he was elected by a "large majority"—it is interesting to note that a change of 2,600 votes would have placed his opponent in the governor's chair.

In the first primary Mr. Blease received some 34,000 votes, or about one-third of the total cast, and in the second primary about 5,000 more than his opponent. He drew his strength from three other candidates, the other local option candidates getting about 27,000 votes. In the second primary Charleston county, which supported Mr. McLeod in the first, swung over to Mr. Blease, and there were enough men who did not want a prohibition governor to place Mr. Blease in the chair. This is by way of keeping history straight.

## Didn't Come to Trial.

Sumter, Feb. 8.—The case of murder against Harper and Bateman was continued, Harper being still at large. This is the case in which Harper, Christmas day, while drunk, killed Eddie Bossard, a colored hackman and later left Sumter. His escape has called forth much criticism of the police force and sheriff's office. Harper wrote the sheriff from Habana that he would come up for trial. He did not.

## Weary of Living.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 8.—Robert Downing, aged 56, had his wish fulfilled late tonight when the three bullets he sent into his body Sunday afternoon caused his death. "I am tired of living," was his excuse. First he aimed at his heart, then his brain and finally sent a bullet through his neck.

## DEBS TO VISIT COLUMBIA.

Noted Socialist Leader to Make Speech at Theatre.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—Eugene V. Debs, the noted Socialist leader, will, it was announced here to-day, visit Columbia during the latter part of March and deliver an address in the opera house.

Mr. Debs was the candidate of the Socialist party several years ago for president several years ago, and is well known throughout the country as an agitator.

Another announcement of interest is that a Socialist weekly paper, to be called "The Fighter," will be established here in the near future.

## Sends Woman to Tombs.

New York, Feb. 10.—As an example to women who have no qualms against smuggling, Judge Martin in the criminal branch of the United States district court to-day sentenced Mrs. Roberta G. Hill to the Tombs from to-night until 8 o'clock Monday morning and fined her \$2,000. The fine was promptly paid and Mrs. Hill was led away sobbing hysterically.

She is the daughter of Morris Menges, a well-known Brooklyn horseman, and the divorced wife of Capt. James Hill of the British army.

Counsel for Mrs. Hill made a strong plea for the court's mercy, but Judge Martin said he felt a jail sentence was necessary as a lesson. "I regret to say," he added, "that women are much more prone to attempt smuggling than are men."

Mrs. Hill had pleaded guilty to smuggling into this country a sable coat and other goods valued at \$8,000. Her mother sat near her during the proceedings and sobbed bitterly when sentence was pronounced.

## Torn to Fragments.

Smithville, Tex., Feb. 10.—Ten shop employes of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad were torn to fragments and 11 others were injured to-day when an engine under repair exploded in the Smithville yards. Besides the loss of life, railroad property valued at \$20,000 was destroyed.

The locomotive just had been run from the repair shop to be tested when the explosion occurred. O'Rourke, a machinist, at the time was attaching a safety valve. The engine was blown to atoms, two other locomotives standing on nearby tracks were wrecked and the roundhouse was partially demolished.

With the bursting of the boiler a rain of fragments of the engine and portions of human bodies fell for several hundred yards. Pieces of flesh and clothing were literally driven into the shattered walls of the roundhouse. In several instances identification was not possible.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been determined.

## Verdict for Defense.

Lexington, Feb. 8.—A verdict for the defendant was rendered in the common pleas court in the case of W. Q. M. Berry of Lexington against Dr. J. R. Langford of Swansea. The plaintiff sought to recover \$10,000 damages for the alleged failure of the defendant to properly set a dislocated shoulder on the first of August, 1906.

## Buy from Clinchfield.

Spartanburg, Feb. 8.—The coal-buying committee of South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' association has given the Clinchfield Fuel company the coal contract for the next year. The contract calls for the delivery of about 200,000 tons of coal f. o. b. at the mines. The price paid is not stated.

Heretofore their coal has been purchased f. o. b. the mills. The association, it is thought contemplates a reduction in the coal rates into this territory as a result of the action now pending before the interstate commerce commission.

## Club Closed by Injunction.

Sumter, Feb. 8.—An injunction has been issued against the Eagles club of Sumter. Last summer indictments were drawn against the managers of the Elks club and of the Eagles club for illegal selling of liquor. The case against the Elks came to trial first and that failing the other case was dropped. A few days before Christmas the Eagles' club was raided and some liquors taken from the club rooms. When the case came up at this term of court it was not pressed by the solicitor, and immediately following this an injunction was asked for from Judge DeVore and granted. This closes the club for the rest of the week, the hearing to be had Saturday to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. The injunction prohibits the club and its managers from receiving, storing or selling liquor.

## BOX PAPER

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