

we were exposed to no little censure in certain quarters. Possibly our attitude was not fully appreciated. However, we have been watching the operation of this public utility for many months now and find it very satisfactory. Indeed, the general public agrees that there is no cause for complaint. The Electric Power Plant is a big business representing a large amount of capital. Up to now considerable new machinery and equipment have been installed, and much expensive junk displaced in the interest of good service, which it is a pleasure to note has been gained. We believe that a word of encouragement, a puff of commendation, is necessary when merited as criticism when that is deserved, hence this little bouquet for Mr. Geo. W. Powell, the amiable and efficient manager of the Electric Power Plant who we all feel sure is doing his level best to give us the best service he possibly can.

LOCAL.

Since the printing of the ad in the first page the manager of the theatre informs us that the Passion Play for this evening is postponed on account of the fact that the reading of the print he has is all in Spanish and an English film cannot be secured in time.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 23th.—According to a despatch to the Times, from its Genoa correspondent, the German delegation is exceedingly apprehensive of a rupture between the western powers and the Bolsheviks, fearing that the effect will be to leave Germany face to face with the bolsheviks under the aegis of the Rapallo treaty. It is argued in some quarters, however, that in the event of such a rupture Germany might find it to her interest to fall readily into line with the Allies regarding reparations and other matters.

Genoa, April 28th.—The Russian delegates have issued an open statement politely but pertinently expressing discontent because they are not being kept informed of what the powers intend to do. The powers are now preparing details of the document informing the Soviets of what is expected of them, and what the powers on their part are prepared to do for Russia.

Genoa, April 29th.—The Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs today sent Premier Facta of Italy, as President of the economic conference, a note expressing the dissatisfaction of the Russian delegation with the delay in replying to its note of April twentieth, and saying the note would be withdrawn and the Russians would resume their initial position unless they were assured that the credits necessary to restore Russia would be granted.

Uniontown, Penn. April 29th.—Four

state policemen and half a dozen strike sympathizers were injured in a riot at mine number one of the Tower hill coal and coke company, ten miles from here today. Fifty arrests were made and the prisoners are being brought here.

London, April 29th.—The city of London conservative association today adopted Charles Grenfell, the noted financier as a candidate for the seat in the city left vacant by the translation of Sir Arthur Balfour to the House of Lords.

Galway, April 28th.—The Irish Republican Army irregulars yesterday occupied the customs house, the new docks and the bonded warehouse on Duns island, and also occupied the Free Masons hall, the Orange depot, Lenaboy castle the police barracks and the naval base, while the official troops occupy the railway hotel, country club, post office, court house and county gaol.

Belfast, April 29th.—Shooting broke out last night in the Disraeli street region one man being wounded.

Dublin, April 29th.—The paymaster of the great Western Railway, at Leixlip, just outside Dublin, was held up yesterday by an armed man and robbed of over eight hundred pounds. Irish Republican army men last night prevented the publication of the Clonmel "Nationalist."

Bucharest Rumania, April 30th.—Upwards of one hundred persons were killed today in a mine explosion in the Lupeni district in Transylvania. The bodies of fifty victims were completely carbonized, while those of others were blown to pieces.

Geneva, April 30th.—The executive council of the League of Nations will meet here on May eleventh, regardless of whether the Genoa conference is ended or not, and will be prepared to take over such matters as the Genoa conference may refer to it.

London, April 30th.—An aeroplane used by the Chili forces, while flying from Paotingfu to Fergtai, dropped a bomb, but without causing any damage, near a train carrying a detachment of United States marines on their way to Peking, says a despatch to the Times from Peking.

New York, April 30th.—A Despatch received from Dublin announced the death at his home near that city of Mr. Richard Croker, ex-chief of Tammany Hall.

Dublin, April 29th.—In the midst of a discussion on a motion concerning the appointment of a committee to endeavour to arrange for army unity, the Dail Eireann adjourned yesterday until May third.

Shanghai, April 30th.—According to news published in the local and foreign presses of the city, but which is as yet unauthenticated, Sun Yat Sen's Forces have captured all the southern naval squadron. The news further stated that in conjunction with troops aeroplanes had bombed the warships at Pan Wu Ten, fifty men being killed and wounded on the vessels which had surrendered.

Peking, April 29th.—Further details of the struggle between the rival forces of generals Wupeifu and Changtsolin state that fighting is reported along the line from Machang south of Tientsin, towards Peking. Members of the Foreign Legations have been urged by the authorities to seek refuge within the city walls, on which many thousands of persons, including foreigners, are gathered viewing the smoke from the battlefield, from whence wounded men are reaching the city. Artillery fire continues near Changsin'tien at the Marcopolo Bridge. It is stated that preparations have been made to close the city gates, if necessity arises. The members of the Government under the leadership of Hsu Shih Chang state that, while lamenting the struggle, they will remain neutral.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK.

May 1 to 6

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The early mailer has much to gain beyond exercising a spirit of being prompt. He makes sure that his matter gets there. The age is past when people used to write letters and keep them in their houses until five minutes before the mail closed. Buy your stamps in good time; have some in the house and avoid reaching the office when there is a rush and a crush. Come at any rate before the business hours are over. If you come later it is your fault. When you come late and find the windows closed do not "holler" at us. Do not try to tear down the screen. You are late and should have that foremost before you. We are then busily engaged in getting together the masses of matters that could not be given attention before, and any distraction from that is undue, unwarranted, and discouraging. This office is a public institution conducted primarily for public benefit and favors shall not be shown to one person to the exclusion of another. When you come with your regular late habit and want some favour done, you imply that you have more claim on the public service than someone else who realizes he is late and is abiding by what is his own fault. Do not embarrass postal employees by asking them to give you service when the post office is closed to the general public. They can't do it. When you wait to the last moment you are nearly sure to forget something. The many requests for return of letters mailed without the money orders that were to have been inclosed; the many envelopes unaddressed, or without postage; the many unsealed letters; as well as the number of pieces of mail each addressed jointly to New York, Chicago, Boston, and other points, are all results of carelessness through hurry. Help the postal workers and help yourself. Merry Moods make mail matter move, so help us to be merry and get your mail a moving.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.