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**Sending Fish by Parcel Post in Great Britain**

How the British Government carries fresh fish by parcel post or by train is told in a report from Charles M. Hathaway, Jr., United States Consul at Hull, England. He says: "An expeditious, satisfactory, and economical method of getting fresh fish from the various fishing ports directly into the hands of consumers all over the British Isles is in existence. Its main centre is Grimsby, where a group of fish merchants devote themselves to this special business, despatching daily hundreds or even thousands of parcels, the majority of which are less than six pounds in weight when fully packed for shipment. These packages go forward either by passenger train under a special low rate for small parcels granted by the railway companies (this service being analogous to that of express companies in the United States) or by parcel post. It is understood that more fish is sent by the railway service than by mail, although both means are extensively used.

"Fish goes by parcel post on the same terms as any other goods. The rates for all parcels are: Not exceeding one pound, eight cents; between one and two pounds, ten cents; between two and three pounds, twelve cents; between three and five pounds, fourteen cents; between five and seven pounds, sixteen cents, and two cents per pound for every additional pound up to eleven pounds, which is the maximum weight of any parcel sent by post. These rates, of course, are for any distance in Great Britain and Ireland and include delivery to residence.

"Railway parcel rates are based on distances, all goods being transported at owner's risk. Rates up to eleven pounds are quoted for comparison with post-office rates: For packages not exceeding two pounds, eight cents to any distance; not exceeding three pounds, ten cents to any distance; not exceeding seven pounds, twelve cents to any distance; not exceeding nine pounds, twelve cents up to 100 miles, fourteen cents up to 200 miles, sixteen cents above 200 miles; not over ten pounds, twelve cents up to 100 miles, sixteen cents up to 200 miles, eighteen cents beyond 200 miles; not over eleven pounds, twelve cents up to 100 miles, eighteen cents up to 200 miles, twenty cents above 200 miles. The railway rate includes delivery wherever the railway has service, which means all the larger towns in England. For this special parcel service the railways issue stamps like to the parcels to prepay the freight exactly as postage stamps are used by the post-office.

"It will be observed that the railway rate is lower than the post-office

rate. For instance, four-pound parcel by mail would cost fourteen cents; by railway twelve cents to any distance. An eleven-pound parcel would cost twenty-four cents by mail; by railway service it would cost twelve cents for not over 100 miles, eighteen cents for not over 200 miles, and twenty cents for over 200 miles.

Further, as the fish parcels are handled by the post office in the same service with other parcels, the fish must be so packed that the parcel will remain dry. This excludes the possibility of icing, and in the warmer weather makes it desirable to forward by parcel post nothing except very fresh fish sent out in the afternoon for delivery early next morning. "From November to March no ice is required for these shipments, and, in fact, the average temperature in the United Kingdom even in the Summer rarely rises to such a point as to make ice absolutely necessary to carry perfectly fresh fish through a one-night journey.

"The fish are wrapped in paper and then put in a woven straw bag called a 'bass,' which is fastened up. This is all the packing. Before the war fish was wrapped in a special paper sometimes referred to as vegetable parchment, sometimes as 'solling paper.' This is not now obtainable, probably because manufactured on the Continent. If ice is needed it is put in the bass with the fish. Then of course, the parcel has to go by rail, as the post office will tolerate no leakage.

"A leading Grimsby house in the small-parcel-direct-to-consumer trade states that the average weight of its parcels is five to six pounds. Consumers who want a small parcel of fish sent, say, sixty or seventy-five cents to one of the houses engaged in the business, requesting that a parcel be sent them. The merchant makes up a parcel accordingly and despatches it by rail or post as may suit the case. Of course, these fish merchants have many regular customers with whom they carry accounts, but the proper course for a stranger would be to send them some small sum with some indication of the kind of fish required.

"The applicability of this method of distribution elsewhere would depend on (1) the freshness of the fish available for shipment (i.e., how long after catching they are landed), (2) on the temperature to be undergone, and (3) on the transportation rates. There would appear to be no inherent difficulty in making such shipments by parcel post in Canada considerable distances, except the hot weather. If the Dominion Government would experiment in sending fish by parcel post, or assist fishermen to do so, we might solve the meat question.

**Major Moraht in the Berliner Tageblatt Admits Germany is Tiring of War.**

LONDON.—In a plaintive review of the military situation, entitled "Between Battles," Major Moraht, in the Berliner Tageblatt, confesses that the German nation and German troops pine for the end of the war. Then he says that they are nevertheless determined to go on waging a "defensive war" to guarantee them in future "more room to breathe and move." Moraht writes: "The gun and hand-grenade battles, the mine-throwing and the bomb explosions, never fully cease on the long battle front of our armies. But now and then there are short battle intervals. Then something like a sigh of relief is breathed by our millions in arms, and on all lips lies a mute question: 'How much longer?' There can be no more sincere testimonial that we love peace more than strife. Not out of weakness, but simply because we are devoid of those bloodthirsty instincts which hanker for combat, take it up eagerly, and in the midst of bloodshed are blind to any other considerations.

"We want peace. But one must know us in order not to misunderstand us. Our enemies counted upon the Germans growing tired of the military and starvation war. For two years they waited for the critical hour. They hope for it now in the third winter of war. They spend millions inquiring secretly into the state of German public opinion. Their enemies listen at every open door and are gratified when they eavesdrop upon indications of weakness or personal discontent.

"When Will There Be Peace?" "Our nation asks when there will be peace. From responsible quarters Germany's answer has already been given on that point. It is not

within our power to offer peace so long as the enemy sees his triumph in 'knocking us out'.... England and France are not satisfied with the 'decisive battle' on the Somme, and we must confess that it would be a thorn in our side if, during the slow advance of the English, peace should come overnight. We cannot rest satisfied with merely having acquitted ourselves gloriously on land and sea. It is a vital matter for us to secure more room for breath and elbow-room. These we can secure only after a victorious defensive war.... We are at work. On the Somme and in the Dobruja we are putting up the most stubborn defence. In Volhynia, Galicia, and Macedonia, as well as in the Bukovina, we are delivering strong counter-attacks. In Transylvania we are attacking successfully. This picture changes from week to week, but it never indicates the abandonment of our idea of successful defensive war. "Every new chapter of the gigantic fight reveals to the enemy the 'improbability' even of a success 'purchased at too great a price' from his standpoint. The work of our arms is, in other words, leading directly along the path of peace. Rumania's fate fills all the Allies with great anxiety. The price of victory for them has risen again. The Battle of the Somme is disappointing. Even the 'improbability' of victory for the enemy has increased."

**Missed the Ice Cream.**  
Teddy—I wish I hadn't fought Jimmy Brown this morning.  
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**Christmas Dinners Must Be Cut Down**

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, addressing a meeting of leading London hotel-keepers, demanded an immediate curtailment of menus. He declared that there must be a drastic cutting down and decrease in the use of imported foods. "I have just seen," he said, "a specimen of a Christmas menu which is being circulated as an advertisement by a leading London hotel. Such an elaborate programme would be wasteful even in peace times, and is little short of scandalous in war times. Such a situation cannot be allowed. All menus must be drastically cut down, and there must be one or two fishless and meatless days weekly. There must be an immediate decrease in the use of expensive cakes and confections. If the mediate decrease in the use of expensive cakes and confections... If the trade interest will not take the necessary action the Government must force them to do so."

Following the meeting the Savoy Hotel announced the cancellations of its special Christmas and New Year dinner.

**Von Jagow Resigns**

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—The resignation of Von Jagow as Secretary of Foreign Affairs is semi-officially announced to-day. He will be succeeded by Alfred Zimmermann, his former Chief Assistant.

**Macedonian Front**

SOFIA, Nov. 23.—All attempts of the Entente forces to develop a success on the Macedonian front by advancing north of Monastir, have failed, it is announced by the War Office.

**Quiet on West Front**

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The night passed quietly on the entire western front.

**SECTION FOREMAN'S GOOD WORK.**

Quite recently section foreman M. Conran of Badger Brook, performed a most meritorious piece of work on that part of the railway, with which he is connected. By intuition as it were one night, he divined that floods were imminent, and getting out of bed at a late hour he found that part of the country, between Hill Hill and Millertown Jct., inundated. Hastily gathering his men he worked with a will, knowing that an express was due to pass there and long before she arrived had the water cleared away. Had he not been so prompt it is possible that the track must have been damaged and the train held up for some time, or his action must also have averted an accident.

**MAKING MORE IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. A. E. Hickman, the progressive and enterprising principal of the Smith Coy. Ltd., is making a deal of improvements in the firm's premises of late. The firm is now building a fine new elevator of the most modern kind which will run from the basement of the new concrete stores to the upper or fourth story, a distance from the ground of nearly 100 feet. The elevator will be operated electrically and will be used to bring codfish to and from the different flats. The stores which are large and commodious and the larer of which was recently finished will have installed also the most improved fish driers and an up-to-date plant for the handling, packing and shipping of codfish.

**ASSAULTED HIS FATHER**

Last evening a young man went into the residence of his aged father on Springdale Street and raised Cain. He broke out several windows in the house, smashed a trunk into kindling wood and did damage to the extent of \$10. He then attacked and beat his father and was arrested by the police who were summoned. Before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., in court to-day he was asked to give bonds to avoid the parental residence in future or go down for 30 days.

**Getting Even with King Constantine**

Athens, Nov. 11 (via London, Nov. 13).—The municipality of Saloniki, in which was launched the movement to take Greece into the war in opposition to the wishes of King Constantine, has formally revoked its gift of Villa Alatina and Niaooua Forest, made to the King after the Balkan war. The reason assigned is the "ingratitude" of the King.

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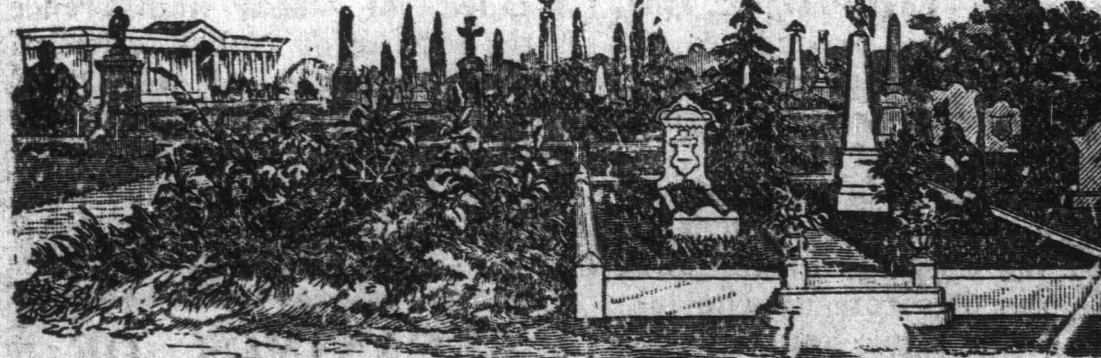
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**SOME PAPER DAMAGED.**  
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**TH For Tat.**  
The young couple were dowding at an ultra small party. "Was it you I kissed in the constable, owing to some water having entered the ship's hold."  
She looked at him reminiscently. "About what time was it?"  
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