

## GIRL WHOSE WEDDING PLANS ARE UPSET.



**BLANCHE YOUNG**

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preventing the bidding in of a number of contracts and subletting them at a lower figure, it does not require that the mail shall be delivered by the person to whom the contract is awarded."

"There will be a degradation of the service," said Representative Landis, "if this contract system should be agreed upon, as it would be possible for a person to secure a contract for carrying the mail and sublet it to a person or persons who happened to own a starved-out horse and a degenerate wagon. It would result in reducing the wages of the men who actually carried the mails and tend to cheapen the country. This is not a cheap country, and at this late day it should not pursue a course which would make it possible to have its service performed at starvation wages.

### Good Service Must Not Be Destroyed.

"The rural delivery service was an experiment a few years ago, and it has proved to be a phenomenal success. The country people are proud of it and so are the city people. Congress has no more right to let the rural delivery service on the contract system than it has the city service. The people are outraged that such a proposition should even be advanced. During the last campaign I rode twelve miles with a star route carrier, who drove that distance every day to deliver mail and received the miserly compensation of 30 cents, while the man who was awarded the contract received three times that amount for doing nothing.

"If Congress adopts the contract system in connection with the rural delivery service I predict that the condition of affairs cited above will be common. The men who perform this service are entitled to a reasonable compensation. They should have good horses and vehicles, such as would be a credit to our great government. This is not a cheap country, and I resent the attempt to make it so."

Considerable surprise is manifested here at the opposition developed against the renomination of Mr. Landis. He is looked upon as one of the leaders of the House, and has desirable committee assignments, the result of continuous service, which makes a member valuable to his constituents.

Mrs. Roosevelt sufficiently recovered from the fatigue of her hasty journey to New York to attend the launching of the Emperor's yacht to receive several who called during this afternoon. Among those who married

The Prince's carriage was driven rapidly from place to place on his round of visits, and the bicycle policemen were obliged to go at a fast pace to keep up with it. As the streets were full of slush and mud the bicycle men were bespattered from head to foot.

Nearly all of them had on their best uniforms, which were practically ruined. Prince Henry noticed the plight of his escort, and when he returned to the embassy he expressed his regret through Ambassador von Holleben.

The boundary dispute between Chile and the Argentine Republic, which nearly resulted recently in war between the two countries, has been amicably adjusted, according to advices received at the State department from Mr. Wilson, the United States Minister at the Chilean capital. The last obstacle to a satisfactory agreement was removed by the concession of the Argentine government concerning the regulation of police service in the disputed territory.

Senator Mason left this morning for Chicago, where he will deliver an address at the banquet to be given by the Hamilton club tomorrow night.

An agreement has been reached by the conferees of the Senate and House on the bill providing for a permanent census bureau. There were few differences between the two Houses, the principle ones being over the salary of the director, which was finally fixed at \$6,000. As agreed upon, the bill places all the employes of the census under the civil service blanket, and they are consequently eligible to transfer to other departments of the government without passing a civil service examination. The clerks of the Census office are thus given an advantage over those now on the eligible list of the Civil Service commission, who passed examinations in the regular manner required by law.

If President Roosevelt approves the bill it will be possible to transfer any of the Census clerks to the other departments, as when a clerk or other employe is needed in any branch of the government to which the civil service laws apply it will only be necessary for the proper official of the department to request the transfer of a clerk from the Census bureau.

Conference Agrees on Census Bureau Bill.

## WOE INSTEAD OF WEDDING

### POLICE UPSET THE ROMANCE OF A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

**Blanche Young Comes to Chicago from Battle Creek to Marry Frank Falter of Eagle, Wis., but They Fail to Meet and Are Locked Up Pending a Solution of Their Perplexing Problem—Woo Through an "Ad" and Have Never Met.**

Blanche Young, 16 years old and uncommonly pretty, came to Chicago last evening to wed a man whom she never had seen and whom she knew only through a correspondence which had its origin in a matrimonial "ad."

The girl's plans went amiss, and last night she was detained at the Harrison Street Annex. In a cell in the police station, near by, was Frank Falter, who was to have become the girl's husband. He came to the city to keep his appointment with her, but by a few minutes they missed each other.

There is no charge against either the man or the girl, and the case offers a problem to the police. Falter apparently wants to marry Miss Young, and Miss Young expresses willingness to take the name of Falter. Objections have been raised, however, to the marriage of so young a girl under such circumstances as attend the case, and the police do not know whether to send the girl back home or to allow the wedding to proceed.

Falter is 25 years old and works on his grandfather's farm near Eagle, Wis. Miss Young is from Battle Creek, Mich.

### Cupid Balked by Police.

The girl reached Chicago at the Michigan Central Station at 6 o'clock, and because of a misunderstanding as to trains failed to meet Falter, who came to Chicago in the morning. She was taken in charge by the police, who then began a search for the Wisconsin youth.

Falter, who was neatly attired and wore a large buttonhole bouquet, was found at Twelfth street and Michigan avenue three hours later by Sergeant Mooney. When arrested he admitted he had sent Miss Young money with which to pay her fare to Chicago, but said he had done so in good faith and was willing to carry out his part of the matrimonial agreement.

"I'll meet the girl," he suggested, "and if I like her I'll marry her. That's fair, isn't it?"

The police were not inclined to dispense hasty judgment on the case, and their perplexity was further increased when they found that the swain from the lumber regions was possessed of just \$10.

### Girl Is Bound to Wed.

While Falter was trying to accustom himself to the pine bench in his cell his sweetheart, in the nearby annex, was told of his arrest.

"It's a shame!" the Michigan girl cried. "Why, he hasn't done anything. It isn't a crime to want to get married when the girl is willing, is it?"

"I'll never go back to Michigan—the police can depend on that. They might as well let us be married first as last. What if Frank has got only \$10? That's enough to take us to his home in Wisconsin, and he isn't afraid to work."

Miss Young seems not to doubt for a moment that life would be one sweet dream with this youth she never has seen.

"I'm sure Frank is all right," she explained. "His letters are too sweet for anything. When he asked me to marry him I said 'Yes,' because I was not happy at home and wanted to get away from there.

"These people here say I'm too young to marry. Well, I'll show them. It's none of their affair, and I'd like to see them stop me. I won't go back to Michigan—that's sure. My parents are separated and our home is broken up."

### Falter Belies His Name.

The willful Miss Young formed her attachment for the venturesome Mr. Falter through the agency of an advertisement inserted in a Chicago publication by her sister.

"Wanted, to correspond with some nice young man," ran the "ad." Falter apparently thought he filled the bill, and straightway shipped his heart to Michigan as fast as the mails could transport it. The Eagle boy's offering miscarried, for, instead of reaching Miss Bertha Young, to whom it was addressed, the letter was opened and answered by Blanche Young, the girl now in Chicago.

Other letters were hurried backward and forward, and in his fourth missive Falter belied his name and popped the question.

Letter No. 5 from Falter contained money to pay railroad fare to Chicago and a promise to meet the girl at the station here. Then came the misunderstanding—and the police.

### New Marshal for Arizona Chosen.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The President has decided to appoint Myron McCord, former member of the House of Representatives from Wisconsin, Marshal of Arizona, in place of Benjamin Daniels, whose commission was recently revoked.