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DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Post Office Department Report.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

The whole number of dead letters of all classes received during the year which ended 30th June last, by actual count, was 4,162,140, showing a decrease of 144,964 letters from the number estimated to have been received during the previous year. Of these letters, 3,995,066 were domestic letters; 167,078 were foreign, and were returned unopened to countries where they originated.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

The domestic letters received may be stated as follows: Ordinary dead letters, 3,029,461; drop and hotel letters, 322,677; unmailable, 303,838; fictitious addresses, 9,190; registered letters, 3,282 returned from foreign countries, 66,558. In the examination of domestic dead letters for disposition, 1,726,867 were found to be either not susceptible of being returned or of no importance, circulars, &c., and were destroyed, about 233,000 more were destroyed after an effort to return them—making about 51 per cent. destroyed. The remainder were classified and returned to the owners as far as practicable. The whole number sent from the office was 2,258,195, of which about 84 per cent. were delivered to owners, and 16 per cent. were returned to the Department; 18,340 letters contained \$35,169 52, in sums of \$1 and upward, of which 16,061 letters, containing \$56,638 66, were delivered to owners, and 2,124 containing \$7,862 56 were filed or held for disposition; 14,082 contained \$4,436 68 in sums of less than \$1, of which 12,513, containing \$21,120 70 were delivered to owners; 1,750 contained drafts, and other papers of value, representing the value of \$3,609,271 80, of these 16,800 were restored to the owners, and 821 were returned and filed; 19,964 contained books, jewelry and other articles of property, of the estimated value of \$3,500, of these 11,489 were forwarded for delivery, and 9,911 were delivered to their owners; 125,221 contained photographs, postage stamps, and articles of small value, of which 114,666 were delivered to owners; 2,065,842 without inclosures. Thus, of the ordinary dead letters forwarded this office, about 84 per cent. were delivered, and of the valuable dead letters, (classed as money and minor) about 89 per cent. were delivered. The decrease of money letters received (about 3,000) is probably owing to the growing use of money orders for the transmission of small sums. Prominent among the cause of the non-delivery of letters is the unmailable character of many of them, ascertained during the past year to be 363,898 letters, showing a decrease of 79,888 the previous year. Of these 290,448 were detained for non-payment of postage, 58,287 returned for misdirection or want of proper address, 13,470 were addressed to places for which no mail service had been established, and 1,593 had no address whatever. There were also returned 23,425 letters addressed to persons stopping temporarily at hotels, departures or non-arrivals preventing delivery, and 9,190 letters found to be addressed to fictitious names. These are mostly cases where the causes of the non-delivery appear from the letters themselves, and no effort was made to deliver them. The number of dead letters returned during the year to foreign countries was 184,183, and the number received from foreign countries, 166,658. It further appears that out of 4,666,673 letters mailed to the United States through British and German mails, 126,866—or 2 1/2 per cent.—were returned to Europe as dead letters, and out of 5,401,986 letters forwarded from this country through those mails, 30,970—or 57 per cent.—were returned as dead letters, showing an extraordinary discrepancy between the proportion of dead letters received from Europe and the proportion returned from the United States to European countries. This difference is doubtless largely owing to causes existing in this country which do not operate in the same proportion in Europe. The greatest hindrance to the delivery of letters, and the constant arrival of emigrants in search of new homes in remote regions, and the continual changing of places of abode in a sparsely settled country, all operate to increase the difficulty in the delivery of foreign letters. There were received at this office during the fiscal year, 6,459 applications for letters, of which 1,151 were answered satisfactorily, the letters applied for being found. About one-third of these applications were for ordinary letters without inclosures, no record of them being kept, and search for them being useless. The amount of money taken from all dead letters undelivered since last report, and deposited in the United States Treasury, was \$27,967 71. The amount realized from sales of waste paper and deposited was \$1,280 42. Statement of letters received and disposed of during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868: Domestic letters received, 3,029,461; domestic drop letters received, 499,252; unmailable letters received, 303,838; hotel letters received, 23,425; fictitious letters received, 9,190; registered letters received, 3,282; domestic letters returned from foreign countries, 3,995,066; foreign letters received, 167,078. Whole number of letters received, 4,162,140. Domestic letters for disposition, 3,995,066. Letters sent out by return letter division, 2,210,620; letters sent out by minor letter division, 18,340; letters sent out by property letter division, 11,489. Number of original letters destroyed, 1,730,867; number of return letters destroyed, 333,286; whole number destroyed, 2,070,153. Of domestic letters for disposition 51 per cent. destroyed, 323,286; number of letters sent out, 2,258,195. Return letters received and destroyed, 323,286; articles of small value, photographs, &c., filed, 15,400; money letters filed, 2,124; minor letters filed, 821; property letters filed, 2,578. Total delivered to owners, 1,906,990. Of domestic letters for disposition 56 per cent. were sent out. Of letters sent out 84 per cent. are delivered; of letters sent out 16 per cent. are returned.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Request Letters.—Number returned to writers by postmasters, as reported by 410 offices, 60,690; number returned from dead letter office, 12,803. Total, 73,493.

Return Letters.—Letters returned to writers, 2,210,620; "return" letters received and destroyed, 333,286. Total delivered to writers, 1,877,334. Money letters containing sums less than \$1,14,082, including \$3,436 68; number delivered to

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