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Many changes of far-reaching importance, including the building of a new postoffice, are recommended in a reorganization plan for the Philadelphia postal system by the joint congressional

commission on postal service.

Restoration of the pneumatic tube system, the decentralization of the collection and distribution of mail and many other changes are advised by the The report which includes the recom-

The report which includes the recommendations covers every phase of the handling of the Philadelphia mails. Serious conditions both with reference to the efficiency with which the mails are handled here and the welfare of the employes of the Postoffice Department are revealed by the investigation which is the basis of the report.

Severe criticism is visited upon conditions in the Central Postoffice in the report. According to the commission

report. According to the commission the order for clean and orderly conditions, issued by former Postmaster General Hays, met with little response in Philadelphia.

Congestion in Every Quarter "Throughout the Philadelphia office," the report states, "in almost all the different departments and in the the different departments and in the stations there is evidence of a total disregard for these things that the Postmaster General held to be important. In many of the rooms there are accumulations of old papers, records and books, most of which should have been disposed of many months ago as waste.

The commission found congestion in almost every quarter. In order to meet the requirements of the service it was

the requirements of the service it was the requirements of the service it was recommended that a new postal building of the factory type be procured, preferably on Market street between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets, to house the executive offices, including those of the Postmaster and his staff, and units of practically all other postal activities.

"A postoffice erected at the site in-dicated would serve the business com-munity and afford the utmost facility obtainable in Philadelphia for the quick transportation of mails between post-office and trains," says the report. Congestion in the present Central Postoffice was found to be so serious by the commission that such additional space as would be afforded by the erection of a postal annex and the exten-sion of the mezzazine floor recently constructed would not furnish adequate re-lief. It presented a plan for decentral-izing the handling of 1,628,000 pieces of first-class mail in an average day by of first-class mall in an average day by
the development of distribution centers
at the North Philadelphia and West
Philadelphia stations. It proposed that
new quarters be obtained for the North
Philadelphia station upon the expiration of the present lease on December
1, 1023.

Distribution Changes Proposed As part of the program for the im-

provement of the mail service the commission recommended the negotiations for the restoration of the pneumatic tube service be begun. Senator Townsend, of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Postoffice Committee, said this recommendation probably would be carried out in the next postoffice appropriation bill coming before Congress. In reviewing the methods of collecting and distributing mails, the report proposes methods by which savings can be made and better service obtained. The handling of registered mail the mission recommended the negotiations report said, was not carried on with full regard to the rules of the department. The survey of the method of handling money orders, the report says, "discloses that much is left to chance." The commission recommended important changes in the cashier's office and proposed a reorganization of the directory office.

Conclusions and Recommendations The conclusions and recommenda-tions of the commission are: The Philadelphia office is the third

in rank as to receipts among the cities of the United States. The main office is overcrowded, both in respect to postal activities and to the various Federal bureaus occupy-

Satisfactory relief can be found only in the erection of a new building. It is recommended that a new building be erected, preferably on Market street between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets, to be utilized for postal purposes ex-clusively, this building to be either owned or rented by the Government. It is recommended to accommodate other Federal bureaus, many of which can not now be accommodated in the

Federal Building, that that part of the building which at present is but one story high be built up as many stories

as may be necessary.

The new building or annex should take the place of the Middle City Station of the Penn Square station, and of the Twenty-second street station, the combined rentals of which are \$60,-600 per annum.

The building should be virtually of the factory type.

For temporary relief, the extension of the mezzanine floor of the main office for postal purposes, recently made, is approved, and a further extension of it is recommended.

Temporary Building Proposed For further temporary relief, it is recommended that a temporary building be erected on the land which is available

at the garage.

As a means of relief to the crowded condition of the general l'ostoffice, decentralization is recommended. This decentralization would develop

centrals at North Philadelphia and West Philadelphia.

The delivery division should be further relieved by the utilization of the Second Street Station for a number of carrier assignments.

Both the city delivery and wailing division would be relieved by the North Philadelphia and West Philadelphia evelopments.

The Inquiry Department should be relieved by decentralizing the disposiion of undeliverable second-class matter, this matter to be retained and lisposed of at the stations.

The condition of locker rooms and

oilets at the main office are all bad and

necessitate prompt action.
Increased accommodations are recommended for the following stations:
Bustleton, Chestnut Hill, Station F, Frankford, Station J, Fairhill, West Market Street, Station D, North Philadelphia, Logan Square, Station No. 50, Kingsessing Station, Nicetown, Manayunk, Kensington, Sixtieth Street, Lancaster Avenue, West Philadelphia Lancaster Avenue, West Philadelphia and Station No. 22.

Sanitary Conditions Discussed Additional space for the Frankford Station is recommended particularly because an increase of population is expected, due to the extension of the

It is recommended that throughout all the stations greater attention be

BIG CHANGES URGED

Paid to maintaining them in sanitary condition, and that the lessors be required to paint and renovate them.

Employes should be required to be more economical in the use of light.

All station equipment should be standardized by the Government and issued by the Postoffice Department on requisition.

It is recommended that the station polyes out of financial screens who are not assigned to duty therein; carriers not to be required to advance money they are charged to collect upon due matter.

It is recommended that carrier routes be established in the Second Street State of stamps and the registration of mail until 8 P. M. instead of 9 P. M..

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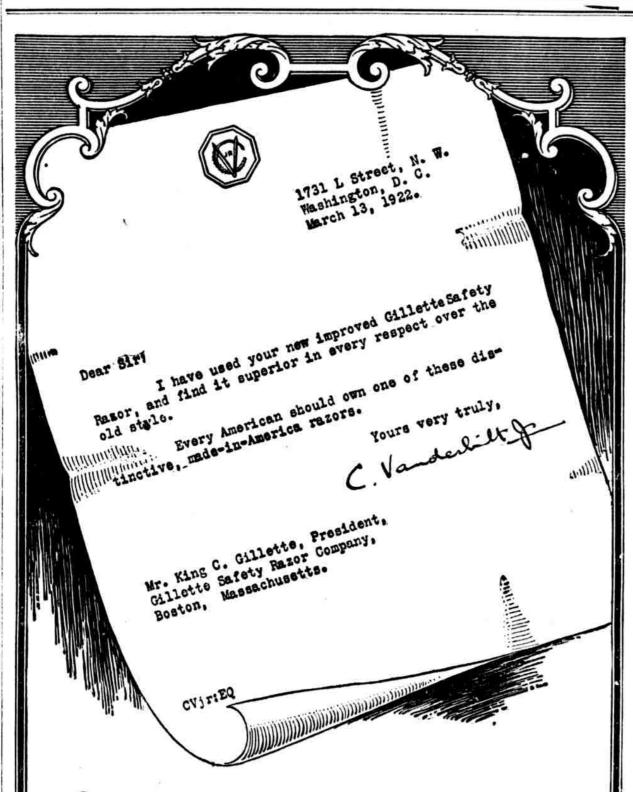
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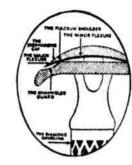
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