

Third Publication Barred From Mails On Seditious Charge Walker Takes Action Against 'Publicity,' Kansas Weekly Newspaper

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In his third move against allegedly seditious publications within a month, Postmaster General Walker last night temporarily banned from the mails, *Publicity*, a weekly newspaper at Wichita, Kans., pending a hearing May 21 to determine whether it should be permanently barred.

Elmer J. Garner, described as publisher and editor of the paper, and his son, James E. Garner, editorial assistant, were indicted by a Federal grand jury at Kansas City, Kans., a week ago on 11 counts under the so-called seditious section of the 1917 Espionage Act.

Mr. Walker moved against *Publicity* after receiving a letter from Attorney General Biddle advising him that "this publication has engaged for a long time in a sustained and systematic attack upon public morale and activities of the Government directly related to the war effort."

Similar charges had been made against *Social Justice*, a weekly magazine founded by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, and the *Philadelphia Herold*. Mailing rights of *Social Justice* have been revoked and the magazine has gone out of business. A hearing to determine whether the *Herold's* mailing privilege should be revoked is scheduled for next Thursday.

In his letter to the Postmaster General, Mr. Biddle said that issues of *Publicity* published since the war began contained statements that appeared to be "designed to discourage enlistments, to interfere with recruitment for the armed services, to promote disloyalty, insubordination, mutiny and refusal of duty in the military and naval forces."