

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP ADVOCATED

POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU FAVORS PLAN IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT

PRINCIPLE SOUND AND PRACTICABLE

Best Results Can Be Obtained Only When These Systems Are Operated Without Expectation of Profit—Serving Public Is the Only Aim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(By United Press.)—Permanent government ownership of the telegraph and telephone systems of the country is recommended by Postmaster General Burdison, in his annual report, which said:

"Experiences as a result of the present war have fully demonstrated that the government ownership principle is not only sound but practical. While such control is temporary, existing only until the ratification of the peace treaty, yet the best results can be accomplished only when these systems are owned by the government, made a part of the postal establishment and operated solely with a view to serving the public, and not making a profit."

HOLOLOLE HIT BY GAS

Hundreds of Men, Women and Children Killed.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 3.—(Delayed)—70-mile north wind blowing Honolulu tonight killed hundreds of trees, damaged fire communications and wire aerials and stopped street cars.

A number of houses were damaged, but no loss of life was reported.

DR. WISE GOES TO LONDON

Former Postmaster Is Member of Zionist Delegation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. Joseph Fels, Louis Robinson, of New York, and Bernard Fliegner, of Chicago, sailed for London today as representatives of the Zionist organization of America.

They will confer there with the Zionist political committee and with other representatives of the Zionist organization in reference to Jewish problems for the peace conference.

FOR WIRELESS CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(United Press.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels advocates government monopoly of all wireless service in the United States and its possessions.

THREE YANK SOLDIERS RECEIVE THE HIGHEST MEDAL FOR VALOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Three American soldiers, a colonel, a captain and a private, have been decorated by President Wilson to receive the highest American military decoration given to a soldier for valor in action—the Congressional Medal of Honor. Their names are: Capt. W. Whitley, 30th Infantry, Capt. George G. McMurtry and Private Thomas C. Neibaur.

Colonel Whitley, a major, and Captain McMurtry were at the head of the famous 30th battalion which lost half its personnel while surrounded by the enemy for five days in the Argonne forest.

Private Neibaur distinguished himself when the 30th Division took Coeur de Lion in October, 1918, stopping an enemy charge against a ridge single-handed with an automatic rifle, after all of his patrol detachment had been killed or wounded. In spite of wounds through the chest he completed the exploit by bringing in eleven Germans at the point of his pistol.

Colonel Whitley was the officer who told the Germans to "Get out." The citation given out by the war department shows his command consisted originally of 400 officers and men of the 30th Infantry and company K of the 30th Infantry; that this force without rations or supplies held out

COAST OF LIVING MAY DROP

Use of Motor Trucks for Parcel Post Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Plans for an assault on the high cost of living by extension of rural parcel post through the use of army motor trucks were explained today by Assistant Postmaster General Blaklee to the house postoffice committee.

Mr. Blaklee is asking for \$8,000,000 for the rural service for the year beginning July 1 next, and trucks for the proposed service would be turned over by the war department without charge. Truck trains, he added, could make postal rates compete with freight rates.

LOVETT HAS RESIGNED

Action Does Not Eliminate Possibility of Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Robert G. Lovett has resigned as director of the railroad administration's division of capital expenditures and will return January 1 to his former duties as chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific.

Mr. Lovett had been considered for the position of director-general to succeed Mr. McAdoo and is understood to have resigned to avoid the possibility of his appointment.

An announcement of the resignation of Mr. McAdoo, referring to Mr. Lovett, said:

"He has served with such signal ability and such single devotion to the interests of the country during the trying period during the last year that no recommendation, however strongly expressed, could do justice to him."

Mr. Lovett said he had taken the railroad administration position only for the period of the war and his health now demands a rest.

IMMENSE SUM UNEXPECTED

Canceling of Contracts and Other Circumstances Leaves Large Overplus of War Fund.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Secretary Baker told the senate finance committee that through contract cancellations the war department expects to save approximately \$7,250,000,000 of the \$28,281,000,000 voted by congress for the war during the year.

Earlier in the day the house appropriations committee, which investigated the war department's estimate of the cost of the war, had estimated that the war department had overestimated the cost of the war by \$7,250,000,000.

Chairman Sherman explained later, however, that this estimate was made some time ago and that revised figures furnished by the war department showed an estimated saving of about \$7,000,000,000.

"Of necessity the figures change from day to day," explained Mr. Sherman, "but it would seem that sometimes more than seven billions of the appropriations for the army could be converted back into the treasury."

The war secretary told the senate finance committee, members of the committee said, that congress will need to appropriate only about \$1,000,000,000 to cover contracts made under the \$28,000,000,000 of authorization provided by congress and for which no actual appropriations have been made.

The secretary's statement to the house appropriations committee said the department's disbursements to date in the United States total \$21,550,000,000 and those in France \$11,680,000,000. Mr. Baker previously had informed the committee of contract cancellations aggregating about \$2,600,000,000. Those include: Powder, \$275,000,000; artillery, \$750,000,000; motor vehicles, \$232,000,000; textiles, \$244,000,000; airplane parts, \$256,000,000; gas defense equipment, \$128,000,000. Contracts for rifles, shoes, harness, rubber goods, chemicals, barbed wire and steel and iron products, aggregating millions of dollars, also have been cancelled.

SAVING BABIES IS AIM

Campaign Begun for Prevention of Infant Mortality.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A campaign for "universal baby training" was begun by the American Association of Infant Mortality at the opening of a three-day session today.

Dr. William L. Brown, of Boston, advocated a plan in which child birth cases would be taken care of at a nominal fee for families with incomes between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a year. He declared the most neglected child was the baby of middle-class parents.

ALLEN FROM CONTINUED

Another Report Also Added to the Propaganda.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(United Press.)—William Russell Allen, an employee of William A. Keeler, was also an "essential agent" of the German embassy here, being employed as the head of the German propaganda service of a salary of \$15,000 a year, according to the testimony of Bruce Shiesh, head of the department of justice's Bureau of Investigation, before the senate committee which is probing the alien propaganda.

WIRELESS MESSAGE

(By United Press.)

YOKOBE, Nov. 10.—(By Mail.)—An exchange of wireless messages was established in Kobe telephone exchange by the government department of communications. A wireless tower 150 feet high is now being erected in front of the largest of the Kobe telephone exchanges. Wireless telephonic messages from vessels within 100 miles of the South Japan port will be connected by "Are you there?" girls with the telephones of subscribers in Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto and neighboring cities, thus serving the most densely populated section in Japan.

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STEPS TO PREVENT WAGE SLUMP

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Investigators have begun gathering wage adjustment data to be used by the wage adjustment boards in fixing adequate wage scales in the principal industrial centers.

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WOMEN NEEDED ON FARMS

Urgent Demand Is Voiced at Live Stock Exposition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—An urgent demand for women to turn to farm work was voiced by speakers today at the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Fair.

Mrs. William Hubert, New York, executive secretary of the United States Agricultural Land army, said 1,000,000 more women will be needed in this country to plant, cultivate and harvest the 1919 crop, with which it is hoped to feed a hungry world.

She said women were particularly adapted for certain kinds of farm work and urged that they respond to large numbers in the country's general call.

MAJ. HERBERT C. ERNSHAW

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AN OPEN HOUSE THIS EVENING

Public Reception to Be Held at the Y. M. C. A.

The following program has been arranged for the open house reception at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, 8 o'clock of welcome:

Music Solo... Mrs. Frederick Spiller
Vocal Solo... Mrs. Herbert Kibbe
Singing... Mrs. Naomi Williams
Vocal Solo... Mrs. J. B. Craven
Music Solo... Mrs. J. B. Craven

RECHERCHER FUNERAL SUNDAY

Daughter of Deceased Expected to Arrive Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late T. E. Reuchler will be held from the Reuchler chapel Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Dossie Reuchler, daughter of the deceased, is expected to arrive in La Grande from the east tomorrow morning.

FIER SPENDS CASH TO HELP WORKERS GET WELL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—(By United Press.)—A big Baltimore concern between deeds rather than words are effective in building up the much-needed morale among workers.

The Baltimore Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company is the firm in question whose action has won the applause of the United States employment service. During the "flu" epidemic here, hundreds of the 17,000 workers of the big plant were stricken.

The management believed something more practical than "speed-up" posters was necessary just then. It engaged five of the best physicians in the city who gave their entire time to treating the employees free of charge. What's more, the company established a special fund to be spent at the discretion of the doctors to relieve distress in workers' homes.

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JOHN QUINN WOODWARD

The official casualty list of today contains the name of John L. Hill of La Grande, who is reported among those who were slightly wounded. The young man is a son of H. H. Hill of this city.

Farms For All The Returning Soldiers

"Science (should) have gone hand in hand with the settlement of the arid and semiarid country, and all that science could give would be utilized, that in the creation of the conditions of settlement and in aiding the settler in difficult tasks. Because nothing was done, these heroic but unfortunates were bodiless by the winds, cold, drought and insect pests. They wasted their efforts, lost their hopes and ambitions and a tragic percentage left, impoverished and embittered. The tragic part of this history is that nearly all this suffering and loss could have been avoided under a carefully thought-out plan of development."

There are certain tendencies which we ought to face frankly in our consideration of a policy for the land to the homecoming soldier. First, the drift to farm tenancy situation. One of the new features of this plan is that soldiers are aiding in proving and cultivating the farm. In a word, there is organized community development. Its beneficial results have been described by the Canadian commission which was appointed to investigate its results in New Zealand. These words:

"The farmers have built better houses and remodeled their old ones; bought a larger acreage of land under cultivation that would

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North Schleswig Was Held Out as a Final Bait and When This Plan Failed the Threat Was Made to Coerce Scandinavian by Landing Troops.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(United Press.)—Germany tried twice to bribe Sweden to join the central powers, according to diplomatic information recently disclosed. Finland was offered to Sweden in 1914. North Schleswig was held out as a bait a year later. Germany then threatened to land troops in Sweden, if the alliance was not made.

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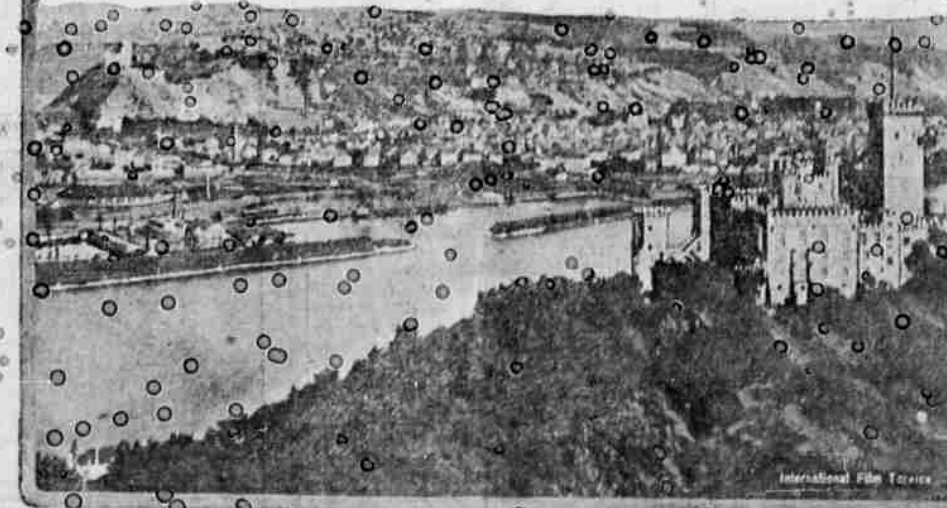
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ONE OF THE RHINE CITIES OCCUPIED BY AMERICANS



This is the city of Stoltenberg, on the Rhine, occupied by the Third American army.