

BURLESON
DISMISSES
OFFICIALSALL OWNERS AND OFFICIALS
OF COMPANY ARE "FIRED"
BY BOSS.DRASTIC STEP TAKEN
BY POSTOFFICE HEADRefusal to Follow Instructions Is
Given by Burleson as Cause of
His Act—Telephone and Cable
Heads Drop in Basket Where Rey-
nolds' Head Fell Some Time Ago.(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Differences between the management of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company and Postmaster General Burleson, which have been acute ever since the government assumed control of the system, culminated today when an order by the postmaster general summarily released all the chief officials, directors and owners of the Postal company from all duties connected with government operation of their system.

In place of Clarence H. Mackay, president of the company, the new order has appointed A. F. Adams, the president of the Kansas City Interurban Telegraph company and member of the government general's telephone and telegraph operating board, to take over the management of the postal system. Announcing the postmaster general's action, postoffice department officials said that Adams presented the order at the Postal company's headquarters in New York today and took control.

W. W. Cook, general counsel, and William Degan, secretary, were named specifically with Mackay in the removal order.

The postoffice department announced that the postmaster general's action was made necessary by the refusal of the officials of the Postal company to follow instructions. They had made efforts, department officials declared, to embarrass and discontinue government control and had failed to put into operation the new wage schedule and an eight-hour day.

Officials of the Postal company said informally that they assumed the company would attempt to interfere with the execution of the order through court action, although they did not know what form such action might take. The officials, while relinquishing their duties under the government, retain their connection with the company, the postmaster general's authority extending only to actual control and operation of the company's properties.

Last January Postmaster General Burleson deposed Edward Reynolds, vice president and general manager of the Postal company, on the ground of having obstructed operation of the company's lines under governmental control.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Refusal of the officials of the Postal Telegraph company to sanction an inquiry into its telegraph rates, which were deemed unjust, and awards of 10 per cent increases to employees, instead of the 5 per cent authorized by Postmaster General Burleson, is said by Wil-

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OLCOTT IN FOR
A FULL TERM(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, March 22.—Governor Ben W. OLCOTT is entitled to serve out the full four-year term for which the late Governor James W. Withycombe was elected, and need not stand for reelection at the next regular election two years hence, according to an opinion rendered today by Attorney General George W. Brown. The attorney general also said that Governor OLCOTT may resign his office as secretary of state, which he still holds under constitutional provision, without endangering his tenure as governor, and that he may appoint his own successor as secretary of state.

In order to obtain a decision by the Oregon supreme court on the point involved, the governor said he will ask the state treasurer to decline to pay the governor's March salary warrant, whereupon a mandamus suit to enforce payment and clear up the question will be instituted.

LUMBER PRICES
HOLDING UP

WASHINGTON EXPECTS NO MATERIAL REDUCTION.

Representatives of Industry Confer-
ring at Capitol With Industrial
Board on Matter.(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representatives of the lumbering industry and the industrial board of the department of commerce encountered many difficulties peculiar to the trade in beginning their conference here today with a view to effecting price revisions similar to those of steel products.

At the close of more than four hours of discussion it was announced that in the absence of any organization competent to speak for the majority of the lumber producers in this country, no agreement had been reached. Hope of agreement is held out, however, in the decision to ask the committee of lumbermen now in Washington for a consultation with the board and to supply available figures of production and of costs of each section of the industry. Further meetings will be held at the request of the board.

It was made evident through comment after the meeting that the reduction of prices of their products, it was stated that increases in the prices had continued even after the signing of the armistice.

CHARGES POLICE
BLOCK JUSTICE(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 22.—Charges that certain members of the Los Angeles police department were attempting to prevent successful prosecution of Mayor Frederick T. Woodman, indicted on a charge of accepting a bribe to protect vice, were made here tonight by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney.

In this connection the district attorney addressed an open letter to John L. Butler, chief of police, appointed by Mayor Woodman. Chief Butler said that so far as he knew no police officers were attempting to hamper the prosecution, and that if he learned of any such conduct, he would take steps to punish the guilty man.

The district attorney asserted that he had written the letter only after being appealed to by a woman witness, who said police officers had attempted to intimidate her.

Mr. Woodman announced that he would not resign in any circumstance. He said he had not fully determined whether he would ask the council for leave of absence.

Mr. Woodman pleaded not guilty today before Superior Judge Gavin W. Grant, and the court set next Monday at 2 o'clock as the time for hearing the trial. Captain John B. Fredericks, attorney for Mr. Woodman, referred in court to the case as a "political frame-up," and asserted his client was entitled to trial before May 6th, the date of the municipal election, at which he will be a candidate for reelection.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE ENABLED
TO CARRY ON(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—John B. Denmore, director general of the federal employment service, tonight announced that through state, city and private contributions already signed, the employment service would be able to keep at least 50 per cent of its present organization together until the next congress provides funds for a full force. But for this support Mr. Denmore said, the employment service would have been reduced to less than 20 per cent, and enforced to abandon much of its work of placing soldiers, sailors and war workers.

Nearly 250 offices, in addition to the fifty-six offices which the employment service had arranged to continue, will now be kept in operation.

SOUTHAMPTON, IMPORTANT
AMERICAN MILITARY BASE(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SOUTHAMPTON, England, March 22.—The importance of Southampton as an American military base during the war was disclosed today with the publication of figures showing the number of troops handled at this channel port.

Of the 7,134,977 soldiers who passed through Southampton, 45,311 were American officers and 868,955 were Americans of other ranks. To this must be added 6,964 men.

MAJORITY
IN SENATE
MAY DECIDE

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE OF THE TREATY

AMENDMENT, HOWEVER,
ONLY REQUIRES MAJORITY

Senator Poindestexter Claims Effort to Coerce Senators by Weaving It Into Peace Treaty Will Fail—Says Public Sentiment Is Overwhelmingly Against Such a Proceeding.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Reports from Paris that plans to entwine the constitution of the League of Nations inextricably in the peace treaty developed discussion today amongst senators here in Washington on the question of senate procedure not hitherto exercised.

Although a two-thirds vote of the senate is required for ratification of the treaty, the senators pointed out, under the rule the amendment may be adopted under a majority vote. Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, a strong critic of the League of Nations plan, declared that this would give opponents of the league a distinct advantage, as it would enable a bare majority to revise the league constitution or separate it entirely from the peace treaty.

Other senators said the majority rule might well become an important asset of senators opposing the league. It is believed that a considerable majority of the members of the senate favors the idea of the League of Nations, although it is estimated that more than a majority oppose the existing plan.

Senator Poindestexter of Washington, Republican, in a formal statement tonight, said "The efforts to coerce the United States into acceptance of the League of Nations by weaving the plan into the peace treaty" would fail. He said that a sufficient number of senators to insure defeat of the league are already on record against it and added that "public sentiment in this country is overwhelmingly against it."

OFFICERS TO STUDY
ATLANTIC FLIGHT(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Six officers of the navy and one of the marine corps have been assigned to the trans-Atlantic section of the office of the director of naval aviation, to study in connection with the preparation of plans for the flight across the Atlantic ocean, which is to be undertaken by a seaplane of the N-C type.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, March 22.—For Oregon: Sunday clear, with moderate winds, mostly from a southerly direction.

JAP QUESTION
BEFORE LEAGUE

IT, WITH MONROE DOCTRINE, TAKES TIME OF THE SESSION

American Headquarters Chiefly Interested in Plans for Monroe Doctrine.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 22.—The peace conference commission on the League of Nations at a meeting at the American headquarters this afternoon, under the chairmanship of President Wilson, completed consideration of eight articles of the League of Nations covenant, the changes being formal. The important amendment concerning the Monroe doctrine, the Japanese amendment for racial treatment, and the French amendment relative to the creation of a general staff were deferred for consideration at the next meeting, which will be held Monday at 8:30 p. m.

The Japanese amendment has been revised so as to be introduced into the preamble, and recites the quality of the nations and states belonging to the league.

PARIS, March 22.—Amendments safeguarding the Monroe doctrine and Japanese amendments for Japanese racial treatment were among the largest number of proposals before the peace conference commission on the League of Nations today. The meeting was held at the American headquarters at 3 o'clock this afternoon, under the chairmanship of President Wilson.

These and other proposals have been in a controversial state and the commission met this afternoon to decide whether or not they will be included in the final settlement. Numerically, the neutrals have proposed the largest number of amendments. Altogether there have been submitted thirty amendments by neutral nations, but these are largely formal, excepting the Swiss amendment concerning sovereignty.

The various plans proposed for the safeguarding of the principles of the Monroe doctrine, however, are the chief subjects of interest at the American headquarters.

LABOR BODY IS
THROUGH WORK

FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO PEACE CONFERENCE

Women's Organizations Were the Final Consideration of the Body.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 22.—Announcement was made by the peace conference commission in international labor legislation late today that the only thing remaining for the commission to do is to draw up its final report to the peace conference. The commission today completed consideration of proposals laid before it by deputations from women's organizations. The meeting of the commission today was its thirty-fourth. The session was presided over by Samuel Gompers.A BILLION
IS ALREADY
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INSTALLMENT OF INCOME
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SIX BILLION, IS REPORTIncome Tax and Excess Profits Will
Raise Upwards of Four Billion Dol-
lars, According to the First Install-
ment Which Was Paid on March
15th and Just Completed.(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—With the announcement today that collections from the first 25 per cent installment payments on income and profit taxes last Saturday amounted to one billion dollars with a possibility that the figure might go higher with later reports, the last financial milestone in the completion of the Victory loan was passed, and it seems probable that the loan will be approximately \$6,000,000,000.

Governors of federal reserve banks in conference here tonight were told that although the official statements referred to "five or six billions," the higher figure will be nearer correct. Officials emphasize the statement that the amount of the loan has not yet been actually determined.

Tax collections of a little more than \$1,000,000,000 indicate that the total tax yield this year from income and excess profits levies will be more than \$4,000,000,000, and might reach the \$4,700,000,000 figure estimated by congress at the time of the enactment of the revenue bill.

The aggregate first installment payments will bring into the treasury only about \$250,000,000, since the sum of \$800,000,000 will be required to meet the payments of certificates of indebtedness maturing coincidentally with the tax payments.

FORCES OF ALLIES
OCCUPY HUNGARY(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 22.—Allied troops in the last few days have occupied the greater part of Hungary, with the exception of Budapest, and the surrounding districts, for the purpose of suppressing plundering by Bolshevik gangs and restoring order, according to a dispatch from Vienna to the Exchange Telegraph company, via Copenhagen.

PREMIUMS EXCEED LOSS.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 22.—It was officially stated to a questioner in the house of commons that the excess of premiums over payments under the government aircraft insurance scheme which provided payment of damages through loss from air raids, amounts to more than \$10,000,000.ITALY HOLDING
OUT FOR FIUME

SOLUTION OF FRONTIER PROBLEM NOT YET REACHED

Italians Would Not Ratify Agreement Abandoning What They Consider Indispensable.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PARIS, March 22.—There has been no hint yet as to the character of the plan under consideration by Colonel E. M. House for settlement of the Fiume problem, but it is expected that a plan will be reached in a day or two. The Italian delegation has answered all advances made aiming at the establishment of the eastern frontier without assigning Fiume to Italy, by declaring that any such resolution, even if acceptable to the delegates here, would be useless, for neither the Italian parliament nor the Italian people would ratify any such agreement for the abandonment of what they consider is "indispensable to the completion of the mother country."COUNT KAROLYI
THROWS UP JOB(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BUDAPEST, March 22.—The Hungarian cabinet, headed by Count Michael Karolyi, has resigned, leaving the government to the proletariat.FRIENDSHIP OF
JAPAN PLEDGED(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—In an address at a banquet in his honor here tonight by Tamekichi Ohta, Japanese consul general at San Francisco, Kaspi Goto, former minister of foreign affairs of Japan, pledged the loyal friendship of Japan to the United States, and expressed the hope that President Wilson "can carry out the scheme of safeguarding the democracy of the world."

Guests of the banquet included Mayor James Rolph, United States Senator James Phelan and other leading citizens. Goto does not speak English and his address was read by his secretary.

After paying a tribute to the late Theodore Roosevelt and declaring that the late Emperor Meiji of Japan and the American statesman possessed similar characteristics, Goto's address said: "We are friends and we can join on a ground of common interests. Differences there are, to be sure, but they are of the kind which occur wherever peoples and nations meet. Mutual trust and frankness are the only solution, as it is so beautifully illustrated in the case of the gentleman's agreement."

GREEK PREMIER APOLOGIZES

Venizelos Regrets Matter of Arrest of American Missionaries.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALONIKI, March 22.—Premier Venizelos and General Paraskevopoulos, commander-in-chief of the Greek army, have offered regrets and apologies to George Horton, the American consul general here, for the unwarranted arrest of Dr. John Henry House of Ohio, superintendent of the American missionary school; Rev. William C. Cooper of Illinois, and Rev. William M. Clark, professors in the institution.

The charges on which the arrests were made were entered by a Bulgarian informer, and the arrests were by order of a subordinate military official. As soon as the matter was taken to the attention of the authorities by Mr. Horton, the accused were released, and an investigation ordered by General Paraskevopoulos proved the charges, which had been characterized by Horton as "ridiculous and fantastic," to be absolutely baseless.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper was charged with transmitting information to the Germans through Mrs. Cooper's sister who was then resident in Switzerland, and with obtaining employment for a Bulgarian woman as cook in an American consulate, in order that she might pass papers of importance and take them to him at the school.

The informant also declared that he had overheard Dr. House say he had passed information that Macedonia was to be given to Bulgaria when the peace treaty was signed. When the information was given to the Greek authorities they ordered the arrest of all persons with Bulgarian affiliations.

WING, FIN
AND FLEET-
FOOT MEETSEMI-ANNUAL DINNER OF LO-
CAL SPORTSMEN HELD
FRIDAY EVENINGENDORSE WORK OF THE
GAME COMMISSIONBanquet at Foley Attended by Sixty
Members—Club Will Go After the
Honor of Being Largest Organiza-
tion of Kind in State—Wants Five
Hundred Members.

Although the claims for the semi-annual feed of the Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club Friday night failed to arrive, the members did not allow such a minor matter as that to dampen their ardor on the occasion. They all of them were imbued with a desire to be off in search of quiet pools and sunny streams which the "big ones" haunt, where they could hook the flashing beauties and play with them for hours. With the fishing fever in their blood, the anticipation of the sport soon to come would have been feast enough for most of them, had there been no dinner at all.

There was, however, a most excellent dinner, and there were some sixty members of the club on hand to enjoy it. Judge Knowles, with rare intuition, saw that the members found only one thing lacking, and that, he said, was due to no fault of their genial host.

L. M. Hoyt, president of the club, introduced certain matters of business when the dinner had been concluded. He first read a letter from Carl Shoemaker, the state game warden, who had been invited to attend the dinner. Mr. Shoemaker, stating that it was with great regret that he was forced to miss the event, said that the club might count on him to send them this fall some more pheasants for the purpose of restocking Union county. A telegram from R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, was read also, conveying his regrets at not being able to be present. He was pleased to advise the club, he said, that Mr. O'Malley, the state game inspector, with some members of the commission and himself would meet with the club in the near future to consider matters relative to the establishment of a trout hatchery in Union county. The members of the board, at a meeting on Wednesday, he said, went on record as being favorable to the project.

Following the reading of these messages, the president called for a report from Judge Knowles of the executive committee of the club regarding changes in the game laws. Very favorable laws had been secured at the last session of the legislature, said the judge. This was no particularly with regard to sage hens and to deer, and, as well, to ducks. Judge Knowles declared that he thought the criticism which had been directed against the members of the state game commission was entirely uncalled for and a resolution which he presented, endorsing the work of the commission, and in particular the state game warden,

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HOLD RUSSIAN
ON BOMB CASE(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Pavel Melnicoff, said to have been recognized as a former anarchist leader in Russia and as a "direct reactionist" member of the I. W. W., was subjected to a close examination here late today by District Attorney Charles M. Fickert and Captain of Police John J. O'Meara, in an effort to determine whether Melnicoff was connected with the death of Mrs. George Greenwood in Oakland Tuesday night last.

Mrs. Greenwood, wife of a San Francisco banker, was killed at her home by the explosion of a bomb.

Melnicoff was arrested at the Jack London Memorial Library. Later Isaac Goodson, alias Kiska, was taken into custody, when he appeared at the police station to inquire about Melnicoff. Kiska was questioned concerning his knowledge he might have of the Oakland bomb case.

Nothing was given out by the official concerning the result of the questioning. Both men were returned to their cells.

A Modest Request

