

LAID TO BRISTOW

He Directed Report on "Pull" in Postal Affairs.

GRIGGS IS VERY POSITIVE

Member of Committee Takes Issue With Cooper.

RURAL CARRIERS' REQUEST

Several Speak in Favor of Plan to Increase Their Salaries—Burton Source a Warning Against General Extravagance.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—During the discussion of the Postoffice Department appropriation bill today, the recent report of the Postoffice Department regarding Congressional solicitation of clerk-hire allowances and rental of quarters to the Government was again brought up. Griggs (Dem., Ga.) got into an argument with Cooper (Wla.) as to the authorship of the document, and insisted, over the protest of Cooper, that it was prepared under the direction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow. He defended the committee, of which he is a member, in giving publicity to the report, saying the United States is too powerful and too great to convict any man by a suppression of the facts. He said the members of the House, after threats to "tear the roof off the department," had turned tail and stated that the department should investigate the Congressmen.

Warns Against Extravagance. Burton (O.) delivered a carefully prepared speech on the question of increases in National expenditures, and warned the House against extravagance.

On right of the President to utilize the yacht Mayflower and Sylph was questioned by Cochran (Dem., Mo.), who argued there was no authority of law for it. A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to segregate certain coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Indian Territory, was passed. The House then went into committee of the whole for the consideration of post-office appropriation bills.

Burton (O.) gave a historical account of increases in National expenditures. He urged the adoption of a policy of conservatism and of the utmost care. Citing the large sums annually appropriated for pensions, Burton said no one will hesitate to pass any measure which gives due regard to the soldiers of the Civil War in their old age.

"But," he continued, "the question arises under what rule should this appropriation be made?" He inquired if Congress was willing to establish in this country the standard that for patriotism and devotion to country the chief reward must be in dollars.

Rucker (Dem., Mo.) attacked the protective tariff system of the Republican party. The Republicans, he declared, have declared, have a majority in the House, and he added, amid Democratic applause, "the largest majority you will ever have in the White House."

Rucker spoke of the trusts and referred to them as "those hideous monsters, the handwork of genius, inspired and directed by the devil."

Wilson (N. Y.) made a plea for an increase of pay for letter-carriers.

Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) discussed labor legislation enacted in his state. He dwelt on what he declared were three universal decisions reached in behalf of labor, organized and otherwise, by Judge Alton B. Parker, of the Court of Appeals of New York.

Speaks for Rural Carriers. The claim of the letter-carriers for increased pay also was expounded by Cromer (Ind.). He spoke of the insufficiency of the pay of the rural mail-carriers, and said they should not be denied the privilege of acting as agents for newspapers.

"At whose suggestion was it?" inquired Mann (Dem., Tenn.) "that this privilege has been denied?"

Cromer said it came from Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow first, and then from the postoffice committee. He had, he said, no criticism to offer against General Bristow.

"I think," he said, "he has been honest in the administration of postal affairs," and he received Republican applause when he added: "I am so well satisfied with the

investigation he has made in the Postoffice Department that I believe no fraud or corruption remains to be exposed to the people."

Until the status of rural letter-carriers should be fixed and their pay increased, he thought they should be allowed to serve newspapers to the patrons of the rural route.

Griggs (Dem., Tenn.) was in favor of the proposition if the rural mail-carriers were given the right to solicit subscriptions of newspapers and not for any one public utility, and to transmit for pay any other business of the patrons of the route.

Thinks It Is Bent on Intimidation.

Discussing the prohibition in the bill against rural carriers after July 1, 1904, soliciting business or receiving orders of any kind from any person, firm or corporation, Griggs (Dem., Ga.) a member of the committee, said if the carriers were permitted to act as agents, he wanted the law so framed that the carrier would not become a dictator as to what newspapers he shall carry or the trades people he shall represent. He assailed the letter-carriers' organization for the manner of making its demands on Congress, and said the carriers had made an effort to intimidate Congress in according to the demands. He was interrupted by Burleson (Dem., Tex.) who asked if the executive order prohibiting Government employees from lobbying before Congress was a jest.

If always have thought so," Griggs replied, and he said further that if he were representing the present occupant of the White House as attorney, he would enter a plea of guilty and stop further investigation.

Bristow Report Again Made Issue.

During his remarks Griggs referred to the recent report of the Postoffice Department as the "Bristow" report, and this opened up a fresh discussion of the document, which brought forth such a storm of indignation from members of the House. He said that as a member of the committee he did not see how the committee could have done otherwise than to make the report public.

"Was there anything in it which caused the committee to print that data under the heading 'Charges Concerning Members of Congress?'" inquired Cooper (Wla.).

Griggs said he did not indorse that, and it was unfortunate, whereupon Cooper (Ind.), chairman of the committee, explained that as soon as he saw the heading he notified the Government printing office it was not justified by the manuscript.

Cooper sarcastically remarked he never had known the Government printing office to print anything that was not in the copy.

"I understand the heading was written in the Postoffice Department," Griggs said in reply.

Burleson (Dem., Ga.) said the House soon would find out who was responsible for it.

Grosvener (O.) suggested it would be better to wait until the House knew more about the matter, but Cooper insisted that the report should not be accredited to General Bristow.

Committee Knew There Were Leaks. Griggs, however, maintained it was Bristow's report. Continuing, he said it had leaked out prior to the report that the committee was in possession of information that would condemn members of Congress. In the committee, he had contended that if there were to be leaks, it was the committee's duty to make it public, which it had done.

"The United States," he said, "is too powerful and too great to convict any man by a suppression of facts. But," he said, "if the publication of all those things which would condemn members of Congress, but men higher up or lower down, the report should be taken for what it is worth."

If there were men in the inspection service, he declared, who were afraid to have these reports see daylight, such men ought to be gotten rid of, and men put in who were not afraid.

"We sought to investigate the Postoffice Department," he said, "and you gentlemen turned out here like hornets and insisted that the whole department from top to bottom must be investigated."

Declares House Got Scared. Both Republicans and Democrats, he said, had declared they would "tear the roof off the old thing," and he inquired, "What did you do?" The House got scared and turned tail. Amid laughter and applause, he chided the members of the House with having started out to investigate the department and having wound up by having the department investigate them.

"That was a great coup on the part of the department," he said with sarcasm. He poked fun at the Republicans for having so readily yielded to the persuasions of the party leaders and voting against a departmental investigation, adopting instead a miserable resolution investigating themselves.

"The Republican organization," he said, "was the finest in the world. There is nothing like it," he continued, "from Julius Caesar down to President Roosevelt."

Griggs then said the present system, which had grown up in the department, requiring members to go personally and ask what their constituents were entitled to was wrong. The secret regulations of the Postoffice Department Griggs condemned as a wrong system. He advocated the publication of a departmental daily

record and the requirement that the rules of the department be made public.

Townsend (Mich.) gave notice of an amendment he would offer to the bill to increase the salaries of rural free delivery carriers to \$300 a year. He submitted a statement of cost to which the carrier was put for the maintenance of his horse and wagon. This expense was given as \$164 a year for the first year and \$84 for the second year.

Calling attention to recent postal scandals, Cochran (Dem., Mo.), said they served the useful purpose of pointing out the defects in the American system of Government. Each new administration brought changes in certain employees according to the exigencies of the party in power. It was not the fault of the men exercising the control of affairs of the country, "But," he said, "we will be at fault if, in the presence of overwhelming danger, that comes from the outside, we made to change the system."

He then spoke of the growth of abuses in the various Government departments, and pointed to the fact that President Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt had misappropriated public property, in "using naval vessels as their private yachts, President Roosevelt, he declared, found it necessary to have two vessels, the Mayflower and the Sylph, the latter fitted out at an expense of \$100,000. The papers referred to them as 'the President's yacht Mayflower,' and 'the President's yacht Sylph.'"

Continuing, he said that with the examples before them, there are any reasons why the underlying and underlying in the departments should not feel authorized to overstep the boundary just a little now and then?

He spoke of the number of carriages and horses in use in the Department of Commerce and Labor, and said it showed "a pretty rapid development."

In a vigorous denunciation speech Hughes (Dem., N. J.) upheld the right of letter-carriers, through their members in Congress, to ask for fair treatment. After agreeing with the general debate on the bill he limited to five hours the House at 5:30 adjourned until tomorrow.

STUBBORN FIGHT IN SENATE.

Torpedo-Boat for Experimental Purposes, However, Is Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Senate passed the fortifications appropriation bill today after a three hours' discussion of the amendment authorizing the purchase of an experimental torpedo-boat and the provision for the purchase of sites for defense works in the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaiian provision, which had been eliminated by the committee, was restored, and the sum increased from \$200,000, as fixed by the House, to \$250,000.

In response to a request from Lodge, Perkins explained the reasons which actuated the committee in striking out the House provision of the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the purchase of sites for defenses in the Hawaiian Islands, saying the committee's action had been due to the fact that the Government had no option on land for this purpose, which might have the effect of placing the Government at the mercy of real estate owners. He also said the amount named was not sufficient.

Spencer and Foraker took the position that on account of the outlying position of Hawaii, the United States should be prompt in providing for its protection, and Perkins said he was willing if a sum sufficient to accomplish the purposes sought could be secured. In accordance with Perkins' suggestion, Spencer offered an amendment appropriating \$250,000 instead of \$200,000. This amendment was accepted without a division.

By common consent, the Senate resumed consideration of the torpedo-boat amendment, and Gallinger offered a substitute providing for competition in purchasing a vessel of the type desired. This was declined, and it was decided that the fortifications bill, as amended, was then passed, and the Senate went into executive session.

The Senate at 5:00 P. M. adjourned.

BLACKBURN CENSURES WOOD.

Senator Speaks Against His Promotion to Brigadier-General.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The conduct of General Wood while he was in Cuba serving as Military Governor, during American occupation, was held up to censure today in an executive session of the Senate lasting two hours, by Senator Blackburn, one of the members of the committee on military affairs, who joined in the minority report against the confirmation of Wood to be Major-General. The speech of Mr. Blackburn is said to have been one of the continuous flows of oratory for which he is famous, and, though punctuated throughout with denials and questions from friends of the nominee, was, it

is said, a well-connected comment on the evidence given in the committee hearings. He did not conclude his remarks, and will have the floor at the next executive session.

The programme as now arranged provides that Senator Quarles shall follow Senator Blackburn in a speech favoring confirmation, Senator Teller to address the Senate in opposition, and Senator Foraker to close for General Wood. If no general appropriation bills are reported to the Senate to take the right of way, it is thought now an agreement to vote on the nomination will be reached this week.

None of the interruptions of Senator Blackburn consumed more than five minutes. Senators Foraker and Alger were the most persistent in denying statements made by the speaker, and some of the passages-at-arms proved interesting.

STATEHOOD BILL COMPLETED. House Committee Decides Arizona and New Mexico Should Be Joined.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The statehood problem 1904 was taken up by the subcommittee of the House committee on territories, recently appointed to draft statehood bills for Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and the Indian Terri-

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FIRST FLOOR

Special March Sale Shoes and Rubbers.

Unparalleled Sale of Jap Silks—Annex.

Last Day of the Great Sale of Crepe de Paris.

Sensational Half-Price Sale of Beautiful Embroideries.

Great Special Sale of Women's Hosiery.

SECOND FLOOR

Pre-Opening Showings of Women's Suits and Spring Wraps.

Special Pre-Opening Sale of the New Allover Flow-ered \$8 to \$10 Hats at only \$4.95

THIRD FLOOR

Introductory showings of America's best Cooking Range—the "QUICK-MEAL"—and the Famous "DETROIT" Cook Stoves.

Annual March Sale of Silverware.

FOURTH FLOOR

Grand Opening of Portland's Best Carpet Store—larger varieties, hand-

somer patterns, better values and newer stocks than in any elsewhere

carpet store. Don't rummage around for old carpets when all new stocks are here at prices less than asked for shop-

weary stuff elsewhere.

Last Day of the Sale of \$1.25 Dress Stuffs for 92c Yard

SECOND DAY OF SALE—Annex, First Floor.

Of beautiful Crepe de Paris Dress Stuffs, a charming, clinging, modish silk and wool fabric, much in demand for the new Spring gowns. Today, our \$1.25 quality, at the yard \$0.92

Hood's Pills

Do not gripe nor irritate the alimentary canal. They are gentle, yet promptly, cleanse effectually and

Give Comfort

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

OLD, WORTMAN & KING

Portland Agency for Reliable Standard Patterns April Designer Now Ready at Pattern Counter First Floor Annex. 10c. or 80c. Year.

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

We ought not to tell you this one, but it's too good to keep—too big for us to hold alone—so we're going to share it.

"WHAT ARE YOUR WONDERFUL OPENINGS GOING TO BE LIKE?"

Is the query on every tongue. Curious gazings and mysterious whisperings are going on all over the store. An air of mystery pervades the very air. Even the salespeople are agog with excitement, for they have heard of delightful surprises in course of preparation. Curious eyes follow mysterious covered baskets that come in from outdoors somewhere and disappear magically into some remote corner of the building. Strange sounds come from remote recesses and crannies. Strange faces pass in and out at opening and closing time that are not to be placed in any of the store's departments. Who are they? What are they doing here? is the question on hundreds of helpers' lips. And none seem to know the other. They enter the doors and separate, each to some hidden nook between basement and eaves. But all know they are connected, in some way, with the preparations now going on for Portland's Grandest Opening Show in all her stores' histories, next Monday and Tuesday, here at PORTLAND'S BEST STORE. None know what the other is doing. They are all doing a part, under a formula known only to a close-mouthed man who is planning it all. Those component parts will be brought together between closing time of Saturday next and opening time on Monday, and Portland folk will see—Oh! but we came near letting the rabbits loose then! Well, you'll see a "different" opening from any you ever saw before anywhere—East, West, North or South—and you'll see the Grandest WORLD'S EXPOSITION OF STYLE, NOVELTY AND GRANDEUR ever unveiled west of Chicago—in fact, unsurpassed by any we ever heard tell of in America. But DON'T TELL ANY ONE! Meanwhile, there's pre-opening doings told of here.

A Sensational "Defiance Sale" of GOOD SHOES

PUT BY FOR A RAINY DAY.

If when you open your eyes this morning the sun is playing Bo-Peep through the curtains, be glad. Nature is smiling the advent of Spring. If the rain drops are falling, feel glad, for Nature is crying for joy over her beautiful new Springtime dress of flowers and verdure. Feel glad anyhow—don't you know that all the time spent in worry is wasted. Get the happy habit—we'll help you. Rain or shine, we'll sell you today WOMEN'S 50c STORM RUBBERS for \$0.25

New, stylish, down-to-date SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

Women's new "Empress" \$3.50 Street Shoes in 10 styles, all of latest Spring lasts, Oxford or high cut, blacks or the new, smart tans, so much in vogue for Spring wear. All popular leathers, Blucher style in high cut, all latest shape toes and heights of heel, patent or stock tips, all sizes, for a few days at a special price of \$2.79

Women's new Dress Shoes, regular \$3.00 values, in patent coltskin stock, newest, latest styles. \$1.71

Women's regular \$1.50 House Slippers \$0.98

Men's Patent Oltskin or Velour Calf Shoes, in blacks or the stylish new tans, Oxford or high cut, all styles, sizes and widths. The very newest and latest Spring styles, regular \$3.50 values \$2.53

See our new Spring lines of Riding Boots for ladies.

Pattern Shoes in Oxfords or Boots, tans and blacks, \$3.50 to \$5.00

Women's "Gloria" Shoes, \$3.50

Women's "Protection" Shoes \$4.00

Evening Slippers, \$3.00 to \$6.00

Women's Oxfords in foot shapes, \$3.00 to \$5.00

Men's or Women's low cuts, \$2.00 to \$6.00

No. The above are not Egyptian hieroglyphics but simply a combination of characters from the Jap alphabet that, translated into English, reads,

"Sale of Jap Silks"

Our buyer, with prophetic foresight, saw the Japanese handwriting on the Russian wall last January and bought \$6000 worth of these beautiful filmy Summer Silks at a less than usual regular price. Mars has sent the prices rocketing since his reign begun in the Far East; but while the spunky little Japs are making the Bear dance to military music we'll sell their splendid handmade silks at prices that beckon you indoors to the Silk Counter in the Annex. Price tickets read like this:

27-inch, 60c value, at yard \$0.45

27-inch, 65c value, at yard \$0.49

27-inch, 85c value, at yard \$0.59

27-inch, \$1.00 value, at yard \$0.75

36-inch, \$1.25 value, at yard \$0.82

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36-inch, \$1.50 value, at yard \$0.97

36-inch, \$1.75 value, at yard \$1.23

In the Domestic Corner—First Floor

Beautiful New Summery Stuffs for Sunny-Land Dresses

Fabrics easy to wash, fine to wear out of doors the coming Summer days and all at prices less than usually asked in most stores. Immense assortments this Spring, bigger and brighter than ever before. Among them FLAKE ETAMINES in all wanted colorings, embracing Champagnes, Resadas, Blues, Pinks, Ivories; yd. 15c to 25c

SOOTH BOURETTE SUITINGS, in attractive Tans, Browns, Navys, and the new and popular gray mixed novelties; 27-inch, per yard \$0.17

36-inch, per yard \$0.28

RED IRISH GRASS CLOTHS, with pretty Mercerized stripes that's near silk in looks. Splendid for wear. Per yard \$0.35

LINEN MADRAS SUITINGS, exclusive in this city with this Style Store. The variety of colors in grand, and includes Light Blues, Nile and Pink in beautiful silk finished corded effect; per yard \$0.50

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land Summer girl. In all the desirable colors; per yard 25c, 35c and \$0.50

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Attend the "Openings" around town this week that you may the better enjoy the ONE GREAT AUTHORITY FASHION EVENT OF NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY in comparison. OLDS, WORTMAN & KING'S SPRING OPENINGS occur next week, March 21 and 22.

Call for Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A call was issued tonight for a caucus of the Republican members of the Senate and the House, to be held in the Hall of the House Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock, to elect members of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Army Officers to Face Court-Martial.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Lieutenant G. S. Richards, Twenty-third Infantry, and Lieutenant B. Nielson, Twelfth Cavalry, who arrived from Manila on the transport Thomas, have come here under arrest, to appear before a military court-martial. They are charged with having duplicated their pay accounts in the Philippines.

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