

POSTMASTER RULE MAILED BE RESCUED

Wilson Has Power to Restore Fourth-Class Offices to Patronage List.

60,000 PLACES AFFECTED

Taft's Civil Service Order Has Effect of Relieving Many Members of Burden, but Jobs Are Temptation to Many.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 20.—President Taft's recent order bringing all fourth-class postmasters into the classified service will prove a great boon to Democratic Representatives in Congress, if they only recognize that fact, but it is not at all certain that the incoming administration will be content to let that order stand, inasmuch as it continues in office some 60,000 postmasters, all Republicans.

From time immemorial, fourth-class postmasters have been appointed on the recommendation of Representatives in Congress, each member of the House, if in harmony with the National Administration, having the right to name all postmasters in his district, in states or districts, where the members have been of the opposite or minority party, referees have been selected by the President and they have selected men or women for postmasters.

Patronage Cause of Worry. The work of picking fourth-class postmasters has been one of the most arduous and troublesome duties imposed on members of the House and any veteran member will say frankly that he has made no enemies among his friends by reason of these appointments, besides having made himself an enormous amount of work. This is reasonable enough, for if a member is worth anything there are usually half a dozen or more applicants, and those who are not appointed are inclined to show their disappointment at the next election, while the one successful candidate alone of all the applicants remains loyal to the man who secured his job for him. Where offices are so small that the salary is not attractive, it is frequently difficult to find anyone to accept the postmastership and that duty has been falling upon the member of Congress, who receives no reward from such appointments.

By placing fourth-class postmasters under the civil service, President Taft has taken off the shoulders of members of Congress, and transferred it to a body appointed to handle just such trouble. With some 60,000 Republicans drawing together millions of dollars, there is sure to be a demand made upon the incoming President to revoke the Taft order, and allow the Democrats in Congress to get their share of this patronage. President Wilson will have to decide between those members seeking patronage and those who are glad to be relieved of an enormous amount of work and worry.

Under the fourth-class postmasters are divided into two classes, Grade A including all whose salaries are from \$500 to \$1000 per annum, and Grade B all whose salaries are less than \$500. The order will continue in office all present fourth-class postmasters as long as they render satisfactory service, and are content to stay. When vacancies occur in offices of Grade A, the Civil Service Commission will hold a competitive examination in the town where the office is located, and all applicants for the postmastership will be eligible to take the examination. As a result of that examination, the Civil Service Commission will select the candidate passing the best examination, and that person will become postmaster.

In the Grade B offices, where applicants will be few, it is proposed to send a postoffice inspector to the town, when the postmastership becomes vacant, and he will interview all candidates for the office. From among them, he will select three best suited, in his estimation, and the three will be subjected to a simple civil service examination to determine their fitness to run a postoffice. This examination will determine the postmaster of Grade B offices.

Wilson Can Revoke Order. It will be a little hard for some Democratic members, particularly those who have been in office for some time, to sit idly by and see the postoffice patronage taken away from Congressmen, after having seen their Republican colleagues, for years, dealing out these offices with a free hand. There is no certainty that Mr. Wilson, when he becomes President, will continue in effect the Taft civil service order. He may, if he desires, revoke that order, and restore the patronage to the Democrats, enabling Democratic Representatives to have their fill of postoffice appointments, for there is nothing to make the civil service order permanent, if the President desires to change it.

If the order is revoked, practically every fourth-class postmaster in the country may expect to find himself succeeded by a Democrat, before the new administration has advanced far. If the order remains in effect, Democratic members of the House will have no patronage, as their disposal except the Presidential postoffice in their respective districts, and in many instances the fourth-class offices, measured in dollars of aggregate annual salary, are far more important than the Presidential offices. Particularly is this true in the South.

MANAGEMENT IS ACCUSED (Continued From First Page.) Inch thick, and from 15 to 20 years old. Only one bathtub was provided for each barracks.

Nearly everything connected with the system of administration was condemned by McDermott. He said that the inmates were compelled to observe "kaps" and go to bed at 9 o'clock. On one of his visits, he said, the library was so cold that men went to bed to keep warm.

Hospital Management Assailed. Tuberculosis patients at the hospital, continued the witness, received eggs and other sustaining food only at rare intervals.

D. L. Beeby, a former inmate of the home, testified that the veterans did not have the right of petition, and that old soldiers had been dishonorably discharged from the home because they had asked for betterment of conditions. He charged mismanagement of the hospital also.

The investigators intimated that they might recommend that the management of all National Soldiers' homes be taken from the control of the boards as now constituted and placed under the control of the War Department.

IDAHO'S NEW DEMOCRATIC SENATOR.



KIRTLAND L. PERKY.

PERKY HEALS SORE United States Senator From Idaho Compromise.

Democratic Branch Dates Back to Fight Over Mormon Question, in Which ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois Took Lead.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The appointment of Judge K. I. Perky, of this city, to the United States Senate to succeed the late Weldon B. Heyburn created a genuine stir in political circles here. It is conceded that he is one of the few leading Democrats of the state who have stood between the Nugent-Kinyon-Pence and the Hawley-Gray-Flood factions.

When the split came in the Democratic party several years ago over the Mormon issue, Senator Perky was in the center. He was a power in Washington so far as Idaho Federal patronage is concerned, as he stands well with the incoming Administration. He goes to Washington, according to his announcement in the Capital News recently, as United States Senator from Idaho, representing no faction but the people and the state.

PERKY NAMED BY TELEGRAPH Governor Hawley Sends Credentials to Washington by Wire.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Determined to take no chances of being late, the Governor of Idaho has telegraphed the credentials of the state's new Senator, Kirtland L. Perky, to the Secretary of the Senate. This, so far as can be recalled, is the first time this method of introducing a member into the upper House of Congress has been used.

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LAW WILL TAKE COURSE JOHNSON NOT TO OPPOSE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Convincing Reasons Must Be Presented Henceforth to Obtain Reprieve for Murderers.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—Unless good reasons for intervention by the Governor are forthcoming, two condemned murderers will be executed at San Quentin next Friday, the first men to die on the gallows in California in nearly a year.

Governor Johnson announced today that in future the law in capital punishment cases in the state would be allowed to take its course unless convincing reasons for reprieve were produced. He made the statement in connection with the granting of a two weeks' stay of execution to still another condemned man, but made no comment as to the reason for his decision.

Prior to the election of November 5, an initiative petition providing for the abolishment of capital punishment was circulated, but was not filed in time to appear on the ballots on that day. It will have a place on the general election ballot next year.

ASK BETTER BRIDGE LIGHT Live Wires of Oregon City Discuss Public Improvements.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—As a result of a discussion at a luncheon of the Live Wires Thursday it is probable that better lights will be provided for the suspension bridge. Dr. L. L. Pickens declared that the service was not satisfactory. T. W. Sullivan said he would see officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and ask that more lights be installed. A vote of thanks was extended the City Council for insisting that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company be compelled to provide a freight yard and freight warehouse in the city.

M. D. Latourette received a telegram saying that about 100,000 black spotted Yellowstone Park trout fingerlings would be sent here Saturday for liberation in the streams of Clackamas County.

F. J. Toose and Lily Stipp gave information regarding street improvements. They said that while there was considerable improvement being done and that the cost was large, it was approved by the citizens. Mr. Toose said petitions had been received for the improvement of Fourth, High, part of Jefferson, Water, Eighteenth and John Quincy Adams streets.

GENERAL ROJAS KILLED REBEL LEADER FALLS IN ENCOUNTER WITH RURALES.

Activities of Insurrectos Gradually Being Confined to Southern Part of Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20.—General Antonio Rojas, one of the most influential rebel leaders and a strong supporter of General Orozco, has been killed in an encounter with rural guards, according to unofficial advices to the government.

The encounter occurred in San Joaquin Canyon, in the state of Chihuahua, the rurales being commanded by General Jose Blanco.

The second anniversary of the launching of the Madero revolution was celebrated tonight with a banquet given by the President in the national palace. It was presided over by the government officials and the members of the judiciary.

STORM AND TYPHOON WAVE WIPES OUT TWO GOOD-SIZED TOWNS—CROPS ARE DESTROYED.

Hurricane Wipes Out Two Good-Sized Towns—Crops Are Destroyed.

42 ARE SWEEPED TO DEATH Western End of Island Devastated by Gale and Wash of Seas Inland—Relief Forces Cut Off From Scene.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The western side of the island of Jamaica has been devastated by a hurricane lasting five days.

A great tidal wave has swept over the north and south coasts, practically wiping out Savannah la Mar and Luces, both towns of considerable importance.

According to a report brought by steamer, 42 persons were killed at Montego Bay.

All the roads have been wrecked along the southwestern coast. Incalculable damage has been done. Communication between Kingston and the center of destruction is not likely to be resumed for a week.

Tidal Wave Washes Inland. The latest reports indicate that the tidal wave swept over Savannah la Mar and adjacent villages for a quarter of a mile inland. The effects of the hurricane extended along the coast eastward to Black River, about 25 miles from Savannah la Mar, where the residential quarter was wrecked.

The government with a squad of military tents and emergency supplies, left Kingston by a special train immediately on receipt of news of the disaster in Montego Bay, and are endeavoring to render assistance. Hundreds of people are reported homeless, their houses being destroyed by hurricane in the center as well as in the West End.

Banana Crops Destroyed. Bananas crops practically wiped out in those parts and great damage has been done to other crops. Telegraphic communication is still interrupted, although every effort is being made to restore it. The railway is badly wrecked, but it is hoped that trains will get through late today.

Luces is a small town of 2000 inhabitants on an inlet on the northwest coast of Jamaica, while Savannah la Mar is a seaport with the same number of inhabitants on the southwest coast, almost directly opposite on the other side of the island.

The latest intelligence from the West End of the island shows a fearful devastation. A telegram from an observer at Montego Bay says the full force of the hurricane struck the town, partially wrecking the observatory. News of Luces, Green Island and Black River were badly wrecked.

One Town Wiped Out. Only a few houses were left standing in Luces, while Savannah la Mar was practically destroyed from the coast line for a distance of a quarter of a mile inland, including all wharves at Black River.

Superior efforts are being made to get through the rail, but these efforts are still fruitless. Nothing has yet been heard from the Governor who went to the relief of the affected districts, but it is believed he will find it extremely difficult work to get across the county after leaving the railway terminus.

The United Fruit Company has placed its steamships at the disposal of the government and also the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for relief purposes.

NEWELL INQUEST DELAYED Belief Is Centralia Officers Are on Trail of Supposed Murderer.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Coroner Kinnear this morning postponed the inquest over the body of Charles Newell, the murdered Centralia postoffice clerk, until Friday morning. The inquest was to have been held today, and from the fact that it was continued for a second time, it is generally believed that officers are on the trail of the suspected murderer of Newell and are closing in on the fugitive. News of the arrest is expected hourly.

Dr. David Livingstone last night performed an autopsy and secured the bullet that lodged under the murdered man's eye. This bullet was found to be of 38-caliber, the same as one dug out of the earth by Sheriff Crischart. The body was found, thus destroying any theory that more than one weapon was implicated in the murder.

Young Newell's mother is in a decidedly critical condition as the result of her son's death.

SMALL THEFT DISDAINED "When I Get Government, I'll Get It Good," Fitzgerald Is Quoted.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Testimony was given today by several Government witnesses in Federal Judge Carpenter's court against George W. Fitzgerald, who is charged with having embezzled \$300,000 from the Subtreasury February 20, 1907.

William Boldenweck, former Subtreasurer, testified concerning what was said to be a change in the figures in one of Fitzgerald's books.

Thomas H. Leden, formerly employed in the Subtreasury office, testified to a shortage of \$300, discovered in November, 1907.

Home Face Peeling Becomes Popular From Fashion Reporter.

No complexion treatment yet discovered seems to have become so generally and so immediately popular as the mercurized wax process. Evidently the reason for this is that this method actually gets rid of a bad complexion, which can hardly be said of any other. To temporarily hide or bleach the defective skin with cosmetics, cannot compare with the effect of literally removing the skin itself. Mercurized wax takes off the offending surface skin in flour-like particles, a little at a time, until there's none of it left. The new complexion thus produced exhibits a healthy glow and girlish beauty that is not obtainable in any other way. This, which you can get at your druggist's, is applied at night in the same way you use cold cream, and washed off next morning.

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Birdshot Tears Man's Arm. CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—J. W. Chard, a well-known resident of the Silver Lake country, met with a very painful accident Sunday afternoon while starting after ducks. In putting his gun into the boat, the weapon was in some way discharged, the charge of No. 4 shot entering his right forearm, mangleing it horribly. As soon as possible Dr. Fryer was taken to the home of the injured man and the wound dressed and Mr. Chard hurried to a Portland hospital. Dr. Fryer believes the arm will not be permanently injured.

Washington Banker on Trial. MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Nov. 20.—In the trial today of W. E. Schrieker, president of a defunct private bank, who is charged with receiving deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent, witnesses testified that the Fidelity Mill Company, of Anacortes, owed the bank \$25,000 in notes and overdrafts, when it closed.

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