BURLESON SAYS HIS

Self-Sustaining Basis for First Time in History of Postoffice Asserted.

CONTROL OF WIRES URGED

ecommendation for Government Ownership Renewed-Immediate Taking Over of Lines in Territories Is Favored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Asserting nat for the first time since its orunization by Benjamin Franklin, the stoffice Department is on a selfustaining basis, Postmaster-General furleson submitted to President Wilon today his annual report. It records normous growth in the Department's miness because of the parcel post nd postal savings bank divisions and scommends a programme of egislation to increase the scope of the epartment's activities.

Mr. Burleson features his report with an estimate that a surplus of \$3,-569,545, the second of his Administration will be shown for the fiscal year of 1914 when all claims and charges have been met. On that showing he bases his declaration that the departhas been securely placed upon self-austaining basts."

service has expanded at a phenomenal rate, it is still expanding."

Of the department's financial condition the report says:

"The postal revenues for 1914 smounted to \$287,938,585.67, an increase over the preceding year of slightly less than 8 per cent, as compared with a corresponding increase of slightly more than 8 per cent for 1913. The saddled expenditures for the year smounted to \$283,543,748,16. The excess of audited revenues over audited expenses and losses is, therefore, \$4,275,463.05.

"This audited surplus does not, how-

the Constitution to the National Gov-ernment. They inherently, as well as constitutionally, belong to the postal service. The first conviction of the Department is here reiterated that repartment is here reiterated that telegraph and telephone service is in-evitably monopolistic and, when operated under private control, does not render the maximum of public service at the minimum cost to the whole people.

"It is an interesting fact that, where as policies of government have been advocated and some adopted, the con-stitutionality of which has been seriously questioned, the principle of Government ownership and control of the telegraph and telephone finds its the telegraph and telephone finds its greatest strength in the Constitution. This opinion has been shared by practically all Fostmasters-General of the United States, who have held that the welfare and happiness of the Nation depend upon the fullest utilization of these agencies by the people, which can only be accomplished through Government ownership.

Change in Territories Favored. 'It is also recommended that the telegraph and telephone facilities of Alaska, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands be at once taken over and operated by the Postoffice Department. This recommendation is based on an exhaustive Investigation, which disclosed that the conditions in these territories are generally such as to favor the change. A large part of the property involved is already Government-owned and operated in Alaska by the erty involved is already Government-owned and operated in Alaska by the War Department and in Porto Rico by the insular government. The services are so detached geograph-ically as to preclude complicated re-lationships with neighboring systems and are yet sufficient in extent to afford valuable experimental demon-sitation for the Postal Service, looking to the Administration eventually of a olete National service.

Defining the general policy he has ursued, Mr. Burleson says:
"The fact that the Government exercises a monopoly over the receipt, transmission and delivery of mail carries an obligation to perform this function for all its citizens; hence the Postal Service may not be operated wholly upon the lines of private enter-

Revenue Basis Not Only One. "Whether or not service shall be granted or extensions authorized are question which, as they arise in a particular case, should not be deterdivides which private business enter-

MENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAPH.



Says Representative-Elect.

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ment "has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basia."

Future Deficiency Improbable.

'It is safe to say," the report adds, "that unless unusual conditions should arise, resulting in abnormal depression of business, there is no danger of recurring deficiencies."

Of the parcel post during the last year the report says:

"Rapid growth of the parcel post vastly increased postal business during the year. The department's field of service has expanded at a phenomenal rate, it is still expanding."

Of the department's financial condition the report says:

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Winlock Republican Women Unite. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Spe cial.—A Women's Republican Club or-ganized at Winlock has the following named officers: Mrs. Patti McFee, president: Mrs. Roy Quillen, vice-president, and Mrs. E. J. Doty, secretary.
The organization was effected under
the supervision of Mrs. Francis Haskell,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME OUT-LINED BY POSTMASTER-GEN-ERAL BURLESON,

Early action toward Govern-ment ownership of telegraph and telephone lines and immediate taking over of these systems in Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico. Transfer of Alaska cable from to Postoffice Department

Substitution of contract "star route" system for salaried rural

carrier service.

Fostoffice co-operation with state governments in road building, where improvements insure better postal service.

Better postal service.

Raising maximum balance acceptable at postal banks from \$500 to \$2000, interest payments to be limited to \$1000.

Removal of monthly deposit limit restriction.

Aerial mail service, where topography warrants

topography warrants.
Extension of motor truck and automobile service. Space basis of compensation for allroads on mail carried, instead

of weight basis. of weight basis.

Computation of rural carriers'
salaries on basis of services performed, dependent on bulk of
mail carried, to stimulate busi-

due to parcel-post de-

Raising of second-class rates on publications other than news-papers issued once a week from one to two cents a pound. Granting the department juris-diction over selection of sites and designs for postal buildings.

Fanatical Zeal Shown by Algerians Led by American Attached to Belgians.

DESPERATE CHARGE MADE

Wild Troops Assault Town and by House-to-House Fighting Drive Germans, Stubbornly Re-

(Continued From First Page.) many hours they pumped their guns at a steadily rushing stream of Germans, who hoped to run them over by sheet glans could not kill them all and the rest could bayonet the Belgians out of trenches. The Belgians did not walt for that, however, and retired in good order, though leaving more dead in the open field than in the trench. Holes Closed With Bayonets.

There have been three serious holes had the first at Ramscapelle, the French had the second at Dixmude and the English the third at Ypres. Each in turn closed the hole with bayonet at tacks lasting all night.

At Ramscapelle the Germans held the cupy the whole village and move for ward their rapid firing guns to the furthest corner, where they played all day on the Belgian trenches, less than 100 yards away. Between there was no prejection beside the shallow earthworks the Belgians had thrown up on the level of the fields. Just in front was the Yser Canal, running down to Furnes, the last town in Belgium, and nothing to keep the Germans from rushing right up to the outer fortifica-tions of Dunkirk as soon as they could get forward with the reinforcements

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stayed right where we were and played our mitrailleuses up the street toward the main road, while the Alpine gunners tore their ranks with shells. The worst of it was we had no idea whether we were holding the German advance or whether they had carried the railroad and had surrounded us.

off the Germans in retreat. I was not in the attack we made on their rear, however. Instead, I found myself responsible for a lot of Tunisians whom I could hardly keep in the trenches we had fust recovered.

"The Germans were keeping up a shell fire protecting their rear, and the shells were dropping all around the trenches. The Turcos hate shells, though they care nothing about builets, so I was glad to turn them over to some one who knew how to handle them."

Connection With Belgians Informal. "What made the deepest impression on you that night?" I asked Griffith. "The hog," he replied at once, and I can well believe it. I have seen hogs at the same grim work in the inundated fields.

Giffith's connection with the Bei-

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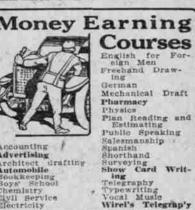
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