

SHORT DEMOCRATS HAVE NO RECOURSE

Means of Preventing Examinations for Postmasters Are Not Apparent.

PATRONAGE IS TAKEN AWAY

New Policy Is Charged to Mr. Burleson, Who Is at Loggerheads With Representatives and Is Now Getting Even.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 14.—There is no law authorizing or empowering the President to place presidential postmasters in the classified service; there is a law that provides that such postmasters shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. But there appears to be no legal way by which those differing with the President can prevent him from giving all postmasters Civil Service protection.

There has grown up considerable animosity between the Democrats of Congress and Postmaster-General Burleson over the postmaster Civil Service order, for the Postmaster-General is held responsible for the attitude assumed by the President. This taking away of practically the last remaining patronage in the hands of Congressmen comes as a hard blow to those members who depend on patronage for their own continuance in office.

Blame for this Civil Service order is placed at the door of Mr. Burleson, because he has been doing his utmost for a long time to get such an order. Department Head Getting Even.

He became more active in his appeals to the President when Congress knocked out some of his pet ideas from the postoffice appropriation bill, when it specifically required him to continue for another year the use of pneumatic tube service in the larger cities and when it declined to sanction other legislation he had recommended. So now he is getting even with his enemies.

During the past four years Mr. Burleson has been the instrumentally through which the President brought direct pressure to bear on the Democrats of the House and if he is continued in that capacity after the postmaster order goes into effect, the administrative legislative programme is going to receive more than one jolt on Capitol Hill. Mr. Burleson has never been any too popular; the Administration medicine he has passed out from time to time has not been taken with good grace, but now that he has succeeded, with the aid of the President, in taking away most of the remaining patronage of Democratic Congressmen, he is decidedly persona non grata at the Capitol.

Legal Fight Not Probable. But much as Democratic Representatives and some Senators, rail at the Civil Service order and much as they would like to retain postoffice appointments as their own patronage, there is no way, apparently, by which they can take the matter into their own hands and have the Civil Service order upset. They cannot find the party aggrieved, who would have the right to litigate in court, a postmaster in office would not complain and the applicant for a postmastership who has not been appointed by the President, would have no legal status that the courts would recognize.

It therefore seems probable that the President will make the Civil Service order stand, notwithstanding the storm of protests, just as President Taft's order relative to fourth-class postmasters, has stood for more than four years. The Civil Service order is the stronger because public sentiment will sustain it, whereas there is little popular sentiment in favor of allowing these Government jobs to remain at the disposal of Congressmen.

JOHNSON RESIGNS TODAY

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR BUSY ON EVE OF DEPARTURE.

Ten Convicts Pardoned, Woman's Life Sentence Commuted, and Nine Appointments Are Made.

SACRAMENTO, March 14.—Governor Johnson will surrender his authority tomorrow noon as the chief executive of California, making way for the assumption of that office by Lieutenant-Governor Stephen B. Lusk. A ceremony of leave-taking for the retiring Governor which also will be observed as an official welcome to the new executive has been arranged to take place at a joint session of the two houses of the Legislature promptly at noon.

Governor Johnson's last full day in Sacramento was a busy one. He issued pardons to ten prisoners in Folsom and San Quentin prisons, granted a commutation of sentence to a woman serving a life term for murder and between times made nine appointments ranging from filling a vacancy on the Board of Control to naming directors for various state institutions.

As United States Senator-elect, Mr. Johnson will leave here tomorrow for San Francisco, following the presentation to the Senate of his nomination as Governor. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and Paul Herriott, his private secretary.

I. W. W. BOOKS OFFERED

STATE ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT VIOLENCE IS UPHELD.

Constitution of Organization Also Is Introduced to Prove Disorders Are Officially Approved.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 14.—To prove that the Industrial Workers of the World were responsible for the expedition of "free speech" advocates to Everett, Wash., last November 5, and that the principles of the organization uphold violence was the purpose of evidence introduced by the prosecution in the trial of Thomas H. Tracy, an alleged leader of the expedition, accused of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Jefferson Beard, one of the Sheriff's posse which forbade the landing of the expedition.

The expedition went from Seattle to Everett on the steamer Verona to violate an ordinance prohibiting street speaking in the business district. In the pistol battle that ensued at the wharf two of the posse and five of the expedition were killed.

user of the Industrial Workers of the World here, testified that the Seattle headquarters of the organization opened a branch in Everett last August and that for a while and until November 3, Tracy, the defendant, was stationary delegate, that is, in charge of the branch.

CAVALRY SERGEANT SUSPECTED AS SPY

Trooper of German Birth Detained on Border Pending Inquiry Into Plot.

HELP OFFERED CARRANZA

Proposal to Raise German Regiment at Chihuahua Confirmed—Four German Officers Are Known to Be With Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—Sergeant Alexander Fruchter, of K Troop, Seventeenth United States Cavalry, is being detained at the Fort Bliss guard-house on a charge of desertion, it was admitted tonight by high military officers.

Fruchter is said to be of German birth and an investigation following his arrest is said to have resulted in the finding of a number of German letters and other papers in his effects.

One Army officer says some of the letters belonging to Fruchter appeared to be only friendly letters from relatives and friends, but they were being closely examined by experts.

A German civilian said to have been friendly with Fruchter has been under surveillance by Government agents for more than a week here, it was added, and an effort was being made to connect him with the alleged German plot on the border and in Mexico. He was said to have come here from the Tampico district of Mexico.

Germans Offer Regiment.

Additional confirmation was received here tonight by Army officers of the offer made to the Carranza officials in Chihuahua City to raise a regiment of German reservists and other German residents of Mexico in the event the United States declared war on Germany and Mexico became involved. This offer, according to later information which was brought from Chihuahua City today, was made less than 10 days ago to high Carranza officials in the state capital. The offer followed a banquet at which Americans were said to have been abused and taunts drunk to the future friendship of Mexico and Germany.

Four German officers are known to be with Francisco Villa at the present time, according to confidential information received here.

Villa's Whereabouts Mystery.

The whereabouts of Villa himself remains a mystery, although the main body of his troops were reported to have been in the vicinity of Rosario, Durango, Monday. Villa was reported from one source to have left with a picked bodyguard for the west coast of Mexico to receive a large shipment of ammunition, to be landed there from a foreign ship. Another report received here today said Villa was in the vicinity of Parral and was about to attack that town.

A report was received here today reached here from Washington after agents were at work among the Mexican laborers in Arizona, New Mexico and California, spreading anti-American propaganda in efforts to induce them to return to Mexico. Promises were said to have been made to them of land and free transportation, according to this report. Carranza agents are known to have been making efforts here to induce former Mexican generals and other trained army officers to return to Mexico at once, offering full guarantees and a restoration of all confiscated properties in the Republic.

A large industrial organization here announced today that all Germans employed by the corporation would be required to obtain final citizenship papers or quit the service.

HOME GUARDS PROPOSED

Tacomans More Than 45 Years Old May Be Organized.

TACOMA, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—While the executive committee of the Tacoma Commercial Club was in session today considering indorsement of the business men's training camp, William H. Dickson, chairman of the rural development bureau, suggested that all men in Tacoma more than 45 years of age and physically fit be organized into a home guard.

Mr. Dickson said there were at least 10,000 men in Tacoma past the 45-year mark well able to do their share toward defending their homes. Uniforms are not considered necessary, but arms and other equipment would be obtained and the men would be trained ready for an emergency call.

The executive committee indorsed the business men's training camp and will see if the home-guard idea can be worked out.

BULGARS RECRUIT SERBS

Inhabitants of Conquered Lands Pressed Into Service.

CORFU, via Paris, March 14.—A statement issued by the Serbian press bureau says: "The Bulgarian newspapers announce that the Bulgarian government has ordered recruiting in the entire region of the Serbian Valley of the Morava River. Recruiting in Serbian Macedonia already has taken place."

"These two measures, it is pointed out, are contrary to that law of nations which provides that inhabitants of invaded Serbia remain Serbian subjects and cannot serve in a foreign army, especially that of Bulgaria, with which country Serbia is at war."

LEBANON CANNERY CERTAIN

\$8000 of \$10,000 Subscribed and Some Machinery Ordered.

LEBANON, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—The establishment of a fruit and vegetable cannery at Lebanon this Summer seems now assured. More than \$8000 of the \$10,000 for building of the first unit has been subscribed. The promoters are so confident that they have already ordered the machinery for the soldering and canning department.

It is expected that all the stock will be provided for by the meeting Friday night when the permanent organization will be effected.

WIEÑA FEELS RELIEF

HOPE OF AVOIDING RUPTURE WITH AMERICA REVIVED.

Acceptance of Submarine Note as Opening Way to Further Negotiations Viewed as Good Omen.

VIENNA, Monday, March 12, via Berlin and wireless to the Associated Press to Tuckson, March 14.—There was a feeling of genuine relief at the Vienna Foreign Office when the first news which was regarded as authentic reached here from Washington after the receipt by the American Government of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the inquiry of the United States regarding this country's submarine policy.

The news came in the form of a Wolff Bureau dispatch saying the Austro-Hungarian reply was regarded as leaving the door open for future exchange of ideas between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

Official circles, the press and the public received this message as marking a new turn in the relations between Washington and Vienna. The view was taken that the American Government was inclined to consider the position of this country on its own merits. As always has been the case, a rupture with the United States would be regretted sincerely.

GARDEN DRIVE ON TODAY

SPEAKERS WILL INVADE SCHOOLS TO ENLIST CHILDREN.

Cards Will Be Provided for Youth to Sign and Parents' Co-operation Will Be Sought.

Information for speakers at the public schools today who will talk to pupils on home gardens and how to make them a success was compiled yesterday by L. M. Lepper, secretary of the East Side Business Men's Club. He has called attention to the fact that three years ago Portland won the world's prize for its splendid school gardens, as well as home gardens, and that Portland was a pioneer in the school garden movement.

Speakers today, Mr. Lepper has advised, should encourage the love of cultivating plant life, and the pleasure that comes from making things grow. The importance of reducing the cost of living should also be made plain, it is pointed out, and opportunities to beautify the vacant grounds about the home should not be neglected.

It is further suggested that each speaker urge the pupils to sign the cards that will be provided for them to enlist them in the gardening movement, and it is also asked that the pupils interest their parents in the work as well, thus obtaining their aid and co-operation.

DISGUISE CHANGES FAST

CHARLEY VARLEY DOES RAPID IMPERSONATIONS AT STRAND.

Sleight-of-Hand Performer, Skit, Trio of Singers and Film Showing "Pollyooly" Are Features.

Charley Varley—poetical name, isn't it?—has more disguise than the wardrobe of a going stock company, and he uses them with dizzying rapidity in his protean act at the Strand Theater in the new bill that opened yesterday afternoon.

Thirteen changes of makeup are the number he made in full view of the audience, and most of them were made as rapidly as a sleight-of-hand performer palms a card. Varley's skill as an impersonator goes beyond his dexterity in changing his makeup, and he accompanies his lightning disguises with a delightful flow of comedy patter.

Speaking of sleight-of-hand artists, there is one of these also on the new Strand bill—Frederik the Great and Company. The "company" is a pretty girl who is almost as clever as Fred-

erik himself at producing rabbits and doves out of hats and handkerchiefs. Waterfall and Winifred, "the bartitone and the scrub lady" have a pretty singing and talking act, in which the scrub lady comes out, like a butterfly from its cocoon.

"Our Trio" is what the Strand patrons have come to call Leahy, Archer and Butterworth, who are back for their fourth consecutive re-engagement.

"Polly Redhead," the Bluebeard photoplay, is based on the famous character of "Pollyanna" and the Lump, and is a dear little story of a clever little girl who had a serious desire to keep the Lump, who was her brother, "from coming to the poorhouse."

"Pollyooly" is too familiar to American readers to need an introduction, and the Bluebird picturization is thoroughly in keeping with the spirit of the delightful stories in which the charming little girl character first appeared.

TARIFF IN INDIA WINS

LOYD GEORGE HAS HIS WAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Amendment to Reconsider Question After War, Is Accepted by Premier by Way of Compromise.

LONDON, March 14.—The government successfully resisted the strong attack of the Lancashire cotton interests by carrying the Indian cotton duties resolution both in the House of Lords and House of Commons tonight and the securing the defeat of the Lancashire amendment by the substantial majority of 140, after Premier Lloyd George had conceded that the whole would supply further military power for the termination of the war.

This result was the outcome of a strong plea made by the Premier that the government policy was only fair play toward India which, in addition to the great assistance already given toward the prosecution of the war, would supply further military power for military operations and on the attitude of ex-Premier Asquith, who agreed that it would be inadvisable to go back on the decision already taken, because it would have disastrous effects on India. Mr. Asquith proposed an amendment to reconsider the question after the war, which the Prime Minister accepted.

J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, alluded to grave matters in the recent government of India, which would be revealed only when the archives gave up their secrets.

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, denies that his proposal was the thin end of the wedge of tariff reform.

Premier Lloyd George's reference to India supplying more troops is considered important. This course was strongly advocated recently by Winston Spencer Churchill.

HOBNAILED SHOES LEGAL

Boys Suspended From School Get Backing of Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—(Special.)—Because they wore hobnailed boots to school, Manuel and Joseph Brun, aged 13 and 10, respectively, were suspended from the Hayward grammar school by Principal Mabrey on the ground that such footwear violated a state law concerning the defacement of public property.

Mabrey said the hobnails tended to spoil the schoolroom floors. The matter was brought before the District Attorney this morning by the father of the children, J. M. Brun, and the boys were told to return to school in any shoes they could get.

"If every boy wearing hobnailed boots were suspended from school, there wouldn't be any education in California," ruled Deputy District Attorney Rogers. "I wore 'em myself."

NEW PASTOR IS WELCOMED

Reception Given Rev. T. Davis Acheson at Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Rev. T. Davis Acheson and family were welcomed to Chehalis last night at a reception at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, to which Rev. Mr. Acheson recently was called as pastor.

The brotherhood of the church, assisted by the women, had charge of the entertainment. Music and recitations, with welcoming remarks by Rev. C. F. Knoll, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. C. F. Blunden, of the Christian Church, added much to the pleasure of the evening.

F. Manson White Gets 5 Per Cent.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—In a legal opinion rendered upon request of the Roseburg School Board, Attorney A. N. Orout, of Roseburg, held that F. Manson White, the Portland architect, who prepared the plans and specifications for the new high school building under way here, is entitled to 5 per cent of the total cost of the structure and no more. At a recent meeting of the School Board Mr. White claimed he was entitled to additional compensation from December 16, 1916, the date on which the building was completed, and the time it actually is finished and turned over to the School Board. Because of this contention on the part of the architect the School Board asked for a legal opinion.

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