

POSTAL SERVICE EXHIBITS FAILURE

Postmaster - General Burleson's Administration Criticized by Bourne.

SELF-CONVICTED IS CHARGE

Testimony Before House Committee on Commerce Quoted as Proof That Government Failed Where Telegraph Co. Succeeded.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 8.—That the postal service, rather than the telegraph service, has broken down is the assertion made by the Republican Publicity Association in a statement commenting upon the reasons given by Postmaster-General Burleson for advocating Government operation of the telegraph lines.

Former Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., speaking for the organization of which he is president, said: "In his testimony before the House committee on commerce Postmaster-General Burleson advocated the taking over of the telegraph lines by the Government and is quoted as giving as one reason that 'the telegraph service is breaking down as evidenced by the sending of important messages, including those of the Government, by train messenger.'"

Telegrams Sent by Mail. "This statement, if made as quoted in the press, forces to public attention the question as to what it is that has really broken down. It is asserted that a telegraph company received Government messages in the evening in New York for transmission to Washington and in Washington for transmission to New York and instead of sending these messages by wire, sent them by messenger on a train leaving about midnight and reaching the destination early the next morning, when the messages were delivered as though they had been transmitted by wire."

"Apparently this was done so efficiently that the Government officials thought the messages went by wire. There was, therefore, no apparent breaking down in service, though the government was paying, telegraph bills when it should have been paying postage, or nothing at all."

"If the telegraph company could take those messages and transmit them by train, why not the postal service? Why not the Government further burning a telegraph system already congested?"

Postal Service Needs Manager. "Mr. Burleson's statement, if he is correctly quoted, is in effect an admission that the postal service has broken down. It has failed to assure the various departments of the Government that it can take their messages in the evening in New York and deliver them in Washington the next morning, though there is a five or six-hour train service between the two cities, and the Government maintains a special delivery service in both."

"The manager of the telegraph company did it. What the postal service needs is a manager who will offer Government service that will successfully compete with private service conducted by private enterprise."

"There is no doubt whatever as to what service has broken down."

JUNE SALES ARE HEAVY

POSTOFFICE SELLS WAR STAMPS TOTALING \$548,274.44.

Under Recent Ruling Purchasers Are Allowed to Hold \$2500 Deposit in Postal Bank.

The month of June was a busy one for the sale of war savings and thrift stamps at the Portland Postoffice. The total sales for the month amounted to \$548,274.44, or \$21,931 for each business day.

From December 3 to July 1 the Portland Postoffice sold \$1,378,623.02 worth of war savings and thrift stamps, all for cash, no pledges being considered.

ITALIAN ACTIVITY GROWS

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cent of their effectiveness were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. The enemy employed 37 battalions, including some of the Orsini corps, prepared for the purpose of holding Jerusalem. How serious was the menace to Venice is indicated by the fact that Austrian guns were only five miles away. Sand bars exist along the Adriatic coast, where the ground is solid enough to support cannon if the Austrians had been able to advance them.

Sailors and soldiers fighting neck deep in mud, water and reeds, blocked the Austrian flanking movement. Fighting was especially arduous on the hundreds of canals behind the Lagoon district, where every cellar had been transformed into a machine-gun nest.

The Italians had to make night attacks, swimming with knives in their teeth until they surprised and killed

the machine gun defenders. The artillery of both sides played night and day freely upon every road built in between the canals.

The result of the battle gives the Italians nearly 40 square miles of new territory and a shorter front. James H. Morrison, a New York actor who is working in an American Red Cross refugee, is feeding many Italians daily and has not slept in 10 days. He said: "One night the Austrians mistook the American Red Cross villa for the Metra railway station and bombarded us severely. They injured the wounded men and destroyed the estuary in our villa."

The word "American" seems to act as a charm with the common soldier. For instance, in the course of one fight when the Austrians were attacking an Italian Captain kept up the courage of a group of reserves by saying each time a shell fell: "The Americans are coming over faster than that."

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, July 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Italian commandant under whose direction the American flyers are working on the Italian front has only one fault to find with them. They never want to remain on the ground. Regardless of the weather, the fierceness of the barrage or the number of enemy choppers, they want to be in the air after the enemy.

TEUTONIC PRESS BITTER GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN EDITORS ATTACK WILSON.

Independence Day Speech of President Unpleasant Reading in Central Empires.

AMSTERDAM, July 8.—Commenting on President Wilson's Independence Day speech, the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung says: "Washington would turn over in his grave if he could hear how his miserable successor in the presidential chair falsifies history and pieces his words like aims on the same plane as those truly humane principles and ideals of the time of the founding of America."

The Essen Allgemeine Zeitung says: "Wilson speaks in the fantastic wrappings of American egotism. The inexperienced Americans allow themselves to be persuaded into political fantasies."

The Vienna Neue Freie Presse describes President Wilson's speeches as bearing the "stamp of superficiality and untruthfulness."

The Vienna Tageblatt says: "It is the Central Powers who are fighting for the good and right ideas which President Wilson enunciates."

The Vienna Reichpost says: "President Wilson's latest formula is nothing more than a renewed declaration of war—nothing but an announcement of mailed fist peace."

KAISER PUBLISHERS HERE (Continued From First Page.) Company, accompanied by a pledge of the stock of the S. S. McClure Newspaper Corporation, had been surrendered to him in exchange for the \$100,000 note in September, 1917.

Mr. Busch's Name Mentioned. Rumors have claimed recently that it was Sieelken who put up the money in the transaction. Previously he had stated Mrs. Busch had contributed to the fund. Mrs. Busch, however, denies it, and the Columbia Trust Company, executor of Hermann Sieelken as well as Mr. Sieelken's partner in the firm of Croman & Sieelken, says she knows Mr. Sieelken did not do with this transaction.

Attorney-General Lewis declared that Mrs. Busch, referred to in his statement, was Mrs. Adolphus Busch, widow of the St. Louis brewer, who was questioned recently by Government officials upon their return from Germany.

In a statement issued late tonight, Assistant State Attorney-General Becker said: "The entire amount which went into the purchase of the Evening Mail was derived from the sale of German war bonds in this country, and American citizens furnished the money to acquire the paper, which was to be used for the purpose of carrying on German propaganda."

Various Cities Contribute. According to Mr. Becker, St. Louis contributed \$100,000 from the sale of German war bonds and Chicago \$200,000. This money, he said, was first deposited to the credit of Dr. Albert and Count von Bernstorff with the Equitable Trust Company in New York, and eventually reached Dr. Albert and Mr. Becker added that \$350,000 of the fund collected was deposited with the Hanover National Bank and \$250,000 with the Columbia Trust Company.

An order drawn on the Farmers Loan & Trust Company for \$185,000 in favor of St. Louis was signed by G. Amstutz & Co., according to Mr. Becker, who asserted that this capital was the one of which Adolph Pavestadt, now interned, was German partner. It is alleged that it was this company that handed the Bolo Pasha funds in this country.

According to Mr. Becker, Mr. Palmer requested the invoice, no information having been taken toward taking over alleged German-owned property in the Evening Mail.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Official correspondence made public today disclosed that Cleveland A. B. Jr., editor of the Monthly Weather Review, recently dropped from the Government service, was dismissed because of "his well-known sympathies for the imperial German government."

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Following the loss of their appeal, Lawrence DeLacey, D. J. Harnady and William Mullane were ordered by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today to serve the prison sentences and pay the fines given them for an attempt to liberate Franz Bopp, former German Consul-General here, and his aide, E. H. von Schack, from an internment camp.

Illicit Still Is Suspected. MARSFIELD, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—A. B. Chapman, who was arrested in the vicinity of Powers, when a constable found 16 bottles of whiskey in his automobile, was held in bonds of \$2500 to appear before the next county Grand Jury.

It developed at the trial that Chapman had sold liquor to a soldier and reports from Powers indicate the liquor being sold there is manufactured in an illicit still, hidden away about 20 miles east of that city, in the fastness of the mountains.

SOFT COLLARS E & W soft collars give you trimness without binding and style without starch. EARL & WILSON

Pictorial Review Patterns Second Floor. July Clearance. This Store Uses No Comparative Prices—They Are Very Misleading and Often Untrue. CORSETS Clearance at \$3.95. Slipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. KODAKERS, Attention! We are told our developing and printing is the best in the city. It should be. We give this work special attention.—KODAKS, FIRST FLOOR.

BLACK SILKS 3 Fabrics—Clearance \$1.59. Even our scarce and most desirable black silks find their way into the July Clearance Sale. Qualities that we know cannot be duplicated again at these prices. Nevertheless, we offer for today—35-inch Heavy Lustrous Black Duchesse Satin. 35-inch Chiffon Taffeta, finest for suits, separate skirts, coats, etc. 35-inch Soft Charmeuse, in soft finish. Second Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Art Needle Novelties, Clearance 25c. A host of pretty fancy work novelties—pillow tops, lunch sets, laundry bags, lace squares, fancy bags, gown cases—mostly of one kind. These will be sold on the Sale Circle, First Floor. Main Floor, Sale Circle—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

GOOD TOWELS Thousands of Them in This Impotent July Sale All Sold at Clearance Prices. Buy towels now for home, country or beach use. Every towel in this sale is way below regular prices, based on today's market, and many are sold less than today's wholesale cost.

July Sale of APRONS For the joy of feeling comfortable, as well as looking smart, one of these attractive aprons will surely solve the problem. Many new, attractive models in these house apron dresses that can be worn in the garden and for outings. NEW PERCALES, \$1.69. Plain colors or fancy figured stripes are these new percale aprons. Button-front style, large fancy pockets, full belted, V-neck and kimono sleeves and finished with neat white bias piping.

RUFFLED HEMMED APRON, \$2.25. An attractive model of plain colored percale, slip-over-head style, with trimming of dainty white ruffle at neck, sleeves and belt. Also another slip-over style, lace front, with trimming of black and white polka dot. NEW BILLIE BURKES, \$2.49. The ever popular Billie Burkes, in two new models. Plain colors or checked percales; one style with large patch pockets and wide belt, with collar, pockets and belt of white jean; another model with white collar and cuffs, finished with embroidery edgings, has also a full belt of white material.

NOVELTY APRONS, \$2.98. Two distinctive new models of extra quality materials; one is of imperial suiting, so excellent for its wearing qualities, made in slip-over style, with fancy yoke collar laced in front, with fancy pointed pockets and wide belt. This comes in plain pink, green, blue, with trimmings of striped material. There is also an attractive plaid apron dress of gingham in slipover style, with V-neck, kimono style, wide belt and side pockets. The belt, sleeves and pockets are finished with dainty ruffles. Also other styles equally as attractive. Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

2000 Yards Embroidery 15c. Fine nainsook, lawn and cambric, blind designs, in floral patterns; also Swiss eyelet work. A great number of designs to select from; 3 to 5 inches wide. Main Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

BATH TOWELS, 23c. Liberal size bath towels, splendid for seashore and country use and just the quality that will save you better towels. All white with hemmed ends. BATH TOWELS, 39c. Splendid quality and extra large size bath towels, very heavy and absorbent. Full bleached, with hemmed ends. BATH TOWELS, 45c. Double thread twisted yarns, the best woven towel on the market. This excellent towel is most exceptional at this low price. Pure white, or white with red or blue borders. BATH TOWELS, 59c. Extra large and extra heavy bath towels of double twisted yarns. These are very soft and absorbent and pure white. UNION HUCK TOWELS, 35c. Splendid quality of hemmed union huck towels, the kind that wear so well for hard, every-day use. White with neat borders. IMPORTED HUCK TOWELS, 50c Each. Scotch huck towels, in an extra heavy quality, and about 60 per cent linen, with neat red borders. An exceptional towel at this low price. Second Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Georgette Crepe \$1.65 36 and 40 Inches Wide. For your Summer waist or dress this Georgette crepe will prove a most satisfactory material. It comes in a standard quality of extra weight and in such desirable colors as gray, Alice, paon, delft, navy, midnight, wisteria, taupe and tan. Main Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

"Globe" Union Suits 50c. These famous union suits have disappeared from the market at this price. They come in low neck, sleeveless style, with lace knee. Sizes 4, 5 and 6. Glove Silk Vests \$1.89. Women's glove silk vests, in flesh, lace trimmed, bodice style, with ribbon shoulder straps. Sizes 36 to 42. These vests are very special and are sure to attract a great deal of attention. Main Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

NORSE VESSEL SUNK Eleven Survivors of Augvald Picked Up at Sea. OFFICIAL WARNING ISSUED Fallacy of Von Capelle's Statement Relative to German Submarine Menace Exposed by U. S. Officials. AN ATLANTIC PORT, July 8.—Another neutral ship, the Norwegian steamer Augvald, 2098 tons, bound from a French port for Baltimore, has fallen a victim of a German submarine.

WAR COUNCIL NO MORE STAFF CHANGES LEAVE LITTLE FOR BODY TO DO. Functions of Council Will Be Vested in Assistant War Secretaries and Other Officials. WASHINGTON, July 8.—Secretary Baker today formally abolished the war council and turned over its principal functions to the assistant secretaries of war, General March, chief of staff, and Major-General Goethals, assistant chief of staff in charge of purchases, storage and traffic.

What Is Rheumatism? Why Suffer From It? Sufferers Should Realize That It Is a Blood Infection and Can Be Permanently Relieved. Rheumatism means that the blood has become saturated with uric acid poison. It does not require medical advice to know that good health is absolutely dependent upon pure blood. From the muscles and joints become sore and drawn with rheumatism, it is not a wise thing to take a little salve and by rubbing it on the sore spot expect to get rid of your rheumatism. You must go deeper than that, down deep into the blood, where the poison lurks and which is not affected by salves and

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