

FRANK S. MYERS ORDERED TO QUIT

Burlison Demands Postmaster's Resignation.

ASSISTANT ALSO TOLD TO GO

Durand's Removal Believed Due Solely to Friction.

ACTION LONG AWAITED

Ousting of Portland Post Office Sequel to Trouble in Party and in Postoffice.

Frank S. Myers, postmaster of Portland for the past seven years, has been ordered to resign and turn over the office at the close of business Saturday, January 31.

This opportunity to resign was offered Mr. Myers as a result of a letter addressed to him last August by two postal inspectors. The report of the inspectors covered a great deal of ground, and can be summed up as charging Mr. Myers with having given an irascible temper, and with inefficiency.

Goaded to action by repeated demands that something be done in the Myers case, based on the reports, Postmaster Burlison directed that the postmaster at Portland be invited to resign. A letter containing this suggestion arrived from Washington Tuesday.

Durand Also Notified.

In the same mail came a letter addressed to Harry Durand, assistant postmaster, and for 20 years in the postal service, also to tender his resignation at the close of business January 31.

For a year or more democrats in Portland and throughout Oregon have been hoping that Mr. Myers would be pried loose from the position of postmaster. He has been a thorn in the flesh of the leading democrats of the state by assuming that he was the mouthpiece of the administration and in trying to upset various democratic plans, especially such as had for their object advancement of Senator George E. Chamberlain's interests.

Crop of Enemies Grows.

There has steadily been growing up around Mr. Myers a crop of enemies in his own party, and the post-office in Portland has been seething with discontent from the time that he was pursued by the postmaster. Mr. Myers' methods of reprisal on employees in the service have been such that for the most part these employees have been obliged to open their mouths concerning the inside affairs of the office, for fear of the wrath of the postmaster.

When two postal inspectors visited Portland for a thorough investigation last summer, employees were invited by the inspectors to make statements, and some of these invitations were accepted.

Successor Lessor Issue.

Local democrats who have been after the official scalp of Mr. Myers have reached the point that they do not care who may be his successor and they would even welcome an efficient republican in the position rather than see Mr. Myers continue to draw the pay. Mr. Burlison was these days in plain language repeatedly by Oregon democrats who visited Washington, D. C.

The next postmaster will be appointed subject to the civil service regulations but with the proviso that the appointee must take a civil service examination not developed. The request for Mr. Durand to resign comes from Washington and is an aftermath of the dispute which led to the postmaster's resignation against him by Mr. Myers a year ago. At the same time Mr. Myers recommended that the office of assistant postmaster be abolished. Mr. Durand was postmaster before becoming assistant postmaster and is considered as one of the best informed men in the service. He has been for six years the assistant to Mr. Myers. The postmaster took umbrage at Mr. Durand and preferred charges; these were investigated and gave Mr. Durand a clear bill of health.

Durand Not Under Charges.

When Postmaster-General Burlison decided to remove Mr. Myers by the resignation route, he also included Mr. Durand, on the theory, apparently, that the friction and failure of the postmaster to co-operate with his subordinate might be a desirable way to eliminate the assistant as well as the chief. There had been nothing filed by the postal inspectors that would justify a request for the resignation of the assistant postmaster.

WOOD TO MEET SENATOR

General and Miles Poindexter to Debate in Pierre, S. D.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 28.—General Leonard Wood today accepted the challenge of Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington to meet him in debate in Pierre, S. D., March 26.

"FLU" ONLY GRIPPE, PHYSICIAN DECLARES

REPORTS FROM NEW YORK AND CHICAGO SCOUTED.

Leading Ottawa Doctor Says All Symptoms Are of Older and Better-Known Disease.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 28.—Chicago and New York have no influenza at all, according to Dr. W. H. Church, one of Ottawa's foremost physicians. Not only that, but "there will be no recurrence of influenza epidemic in this generation," he said today.

"The cases reported so faithfully from day to day in New York and Chicago in such numbers are nothing more or less than grippe. The symptoms are different and the death rate on higher than from the old and more familiar affliction.

"In my Ottawa practice I do not know of one person who was attacked with the 'flu' who has had a recurrence. The attack seems to have immunized those who fell victims and survived, while those not attacked were not susceptible to the disease at all."

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28.—Three thousand Chinese coolies bound for home from France are being held on board the steamer Minnehaha here until the military authorities and the chief health officer of the port settle their dispute as to whether the illness of some of them is influenza or colds.

A trainload which started for the west yesterday was brought back when it was found that two coolies had high fever.

CLEMENCEAU PLANS TRIP Through With Politics, Tiger Sails for Egypt February 3.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—(Havas).—Former Premier Clemenceau has received a statement on the steamer Lotus, leaving Marseilles, February 3 for Alexandria, Egypt. He is reported to be absolutely sincere in his decision to remain in retirement and under no consideration to be drawn again into the turmoil of politics. To an editor of L'Homme Libre he remarked the other day that his defeat in the test vote of parliament for the presidency went before last.

"Some persons need a hint, others a kick. I am through. My enemies may think I received a kick, my friends a hint. At any rate I am through. I am off for Egypt first, then—well, we shall see. Perhaps India."

WILSON RENEWS APPEAL Credits for Poland, Austria and Armenia Requested.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Through Secretary Glass, President Wilson today renewed the appeal to congress to grant credits of \$100,000,000 for Poland, Austria and Armenia to alleviate conditions which threaten "moral and material chaos" in those countries.

Secretary Glass presented the president's letter to the house ways and means committee without comment and the committee deferred consideration of it until tomorrow, when it will have a further conference with treasury officials regarding the loans and the financial situation generally.

BISHOPS PLEAD FOR REDS High Churchmen Protest Against Deportation of Aliens.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Six bishops, five Episcopal and one Methodist, and 16 other clergymen of various denominations have signed a protest against the deportation of aliens without trial, "representative" legislation before congress, the suspension of New York's socialist assemblymen and "similar evidences of an excited mood," in dealing with radicals in America. It was announced here tonight.

The clergymen met here recently under the auspices of the Council of Churches of Christ in America.

STOCK DIES OF RABIES Disease Again Appears Among Coyotes Around Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special).—Rabies, stamped out after a severe outbreak three years ago, is again appearing among coyotes in Klamath county.

Analysis by the state board of health has shown the rabies germ existent in the heads of two animals killed within the last two months and J. Frank Adams, a prominent stock-raiser of the Merrill district, reports the death of four head of cattle since November, all showing distinct symptoms of the disease.

BOOTBLACK MAGNATE SUED Wife Tires of Shiner Who Makes \$225 a Week.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Peter B. Stefano, a Brooklyn bootblack, makes \$225 a week shining shoes, according to his wife.

Mrs. Josephine Stefano, who entered suit in the Brooklyn supreme court today for a separation, made this statement:

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Hornbrook Is Sponsor. Mr. Burlison Recently Said That Mr. Myers Was Indorsed by the former democratic national committee man, Will H. Hornbrook, and by H. G.

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4 QUIT CONTEST FOR WHITE HOUSE

Governor Goodrich, Indiana, Latest to Retire.

LIVELY CONTEST DEVELOPS

General Wood's Supporters Fear Only Lowden.

HARDING TO FIGHT HARD

Democrats, Amid Maze of Republican Activity; See No Candidate, Except Hoover, in Prospect.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The retirement of Governor Goodrich of Indiana from the republican presidential contest last night removes from the field practically the last of the favorite sons. The contest is now pitched between several sincere candidates who have gone into the fight to the finish.

Governor Goodrich's announcement followed similar ones by Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts and Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania and along with a similar denial of presidential ambitions by General Pershing, the Nebraska candidate. This has wrought a considerable change, because new fields are opened to Governor Lowden and Senator Harding, who had announced a policy of keeping out of the states which offered favorite sons.

Real Contest Develops.

Governor Coolidge's announcement, however, is regarded as somewhat vague and for this reason the Lowden manager announced tonight that the old Bay state will not be entered. Senator Harding's managers think that in view of the Coolidge statement the Ohioan's name should be entered in Massachusetts and is preparing to give battle to General Wood and Hiram Johnson, who are making great progress in that state.

General Wood appears still to hold the lead in the republican race, but the walk-away of a few weeks ago has developed into a real contest. General Wood's supporters say that Lowden is the only candidate they fear, their fears being aroused by the spirited content which the Illinois governor is putting up in South Dakota, where Wood had a state convention indorsement. The Lowden men are claiming a long lead in the South Dakota fight, which will be settled on March 23, but W. H. King, chairman of the republican state central committee, has advised Wood headquarters that the general will carry the state by 25,000.

Johnson's Strength Surprises.

Word comes from South Dakota that Hiram Johnson is developing surprising strength, and supporters

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EUROPE NEAR CHAOS; FINANCIERS ALARMED

BUSINESS CONDITIONS ARE GROWING STEADILY WORSE.

Exchange Rates Drop to New Low Level.—Consternation Prevails in British Capital.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Rates of exchange on London and all the principal European countries dropped to new low records today through the weight of offerings from domestic and foreign sources. Today's declines extended to the orient, the rate moving against Japan for the first time in more than a year. There was little trading in Chinese bills because of the inability of dealers to secure definite quotations.

Advices from London indicated a feeling akin to consternation had taken possession of the British capital, which for generations dominated the world's exchange markets.

Primarily, the situation as viewed by those most concerned hinges on the fact that nearly all the European countries are heavily in debt to the United States. Only by the organization of an international exchange committee and the willingness of American banks to extend credit already contracted can existing conditions be overcome, in the opinion of leading mercantile interests.

Demand bills on the pound sterling dropped to \$23 3/4, or 1 1/2 below yesterday's low record.

In the first half hour demand sterling dropped to \$25 1/2. Franc checks opened at the new low rate of 13.12 for the dollar, or 20 centimes from yesterday's close. Lire checks were quoted at 15.32, 18 centimes below yesterday's record low.

German marks were quoted at 1.66 cents and Austrian crowns at .31 of 1 cent.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 3:30 P. M.—Foreign exchange was demoralized today under the lead of New York, which slumped to \$25 1/2 to the pound, repelling a decline of about 35 per cent from the normal. Paris checks at 47 francs to the pound and Belgium at 49 francs contributed to the demoralization, while business with Italy was almost impossible.

Lombard street does not consider the decline unusual, and it would not be surprised to see the rate go below \$25.50.

So hurtful to business are these conditions that it is considered in the street that the whole European financial position has reached a serious stage and that unless something is done the result will be chaos.

A prominent member of one bank described the situation thus: "Financial Europe at present is a sick man. The patient needs a stimulant. The question is as to when the stimulant is going to be applied."

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—For government accounting purposes the pound sterling will be figured at \$23.45 beginning February 1, according to a treasury department announcement sent by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to all naval stations today. French francs are to be figured at 12 for a dollar, Belgian francs at 12 1/2 and lire 14 for a dollar.

VIRGINIA RAPS SUFFRAGE

Senate Committee Rejects Amendment to Federal Constitution.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 28.—The senate committee on elections today rejected the woman's suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

CHEAPER SUITS NEAR, WOOL TRADE REPORTS

CLOTH MARKET APPROACHES PRE-WAR BASIS.

High Clothing Prices at Crest. Woolen Manufacturers Tell Federal Food Director.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The wool market is rapidly approaching a normal pre-war basis, and manufacturers' demands for raw wool will be met in full soon, according to Arthur Williams, federal food administrator, who conferred with representatives of the American Woolen association here today.

The encouraging outlook for cheaper clothing, Mr. Williams said, is further enhanced by nearly normal commercial output by the nation's mills, which he said devoted 65 per cent of their capacity during the war to making clothing for the army and navy.

The woolen experts told Mr. Williams that a long stride toward lowering the price of clothing would be made if the purchaser would confine himself to standard styles and plain, serviceable materials instead of demanding the higher priced goods.

High clothing prices, in the association's opinion, have reached their crest. The conferees told Mr. Williams that "any speculative jobber who might be holding back his stocks in the hope of higher prices will be disappointed, for the normal requirements of the trade soon will be met direct from the manufacturer."

CUBA IS MECCA OF WETS

12 ex-Saloonkeepers Leaving Each Day to Be Ready for Rush.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Twelve former Chicago saloonkeepers and bartenders are going to Cuba every day, according to Joseph Popper, deputy internal revenue collector. He declared that "while many are going there on pleasure trips there is no doubt that some of them are going to open saloons and prepare for the American rush."

He also divulged that aliens are leaving Chicago for their native countries at the rate of 300 a day. It was said that the exodus was seriously effecting the labor situation in many of Chicago's industries.

OHIO 2-CENT FARE GOES

Public Utilities Commission to Fix Rate Not Over 3 Cents.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 28.—Ohio's 2-cent passenger fare law, passed in 1906 after a bitter fight, was cast into the discard today by the lower house of the general assembly when it passed the Pearson bill giving the state public utilities commission power to fix rates of fare for steam and interurban railroads at a rate not exceeding 3 cents a mile.

BRIDGE BILL IS SIGNED

Speaker Gillette Approves Cascade Locks Measure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Speaker Gillette signed the bill today which permits the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between Washington and Oregon, two miles west of Cascade Locks, Or.

WOMAN ON JURY FOR I. W. W. TRIAL

Justice Promised, Though Prejudice Is Admitted.

6 JURORS SEVERELY GRILLED

State Queries for Opinions on Death Penalty.

MONTESANO IS CROWDED

Officials Deny Radicals Are Missing at Elma; Many Witnesses to Be Called by Defense.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 28.—Out of a maze of argument and objection, questioning and cross examination, the close of the third day of the I. W. W. murder trial, in which 11 members of that organization are charged with responsibility for the four lives taken in the Centralia armistice day tragedy, found but six jurors tentatively seated this afternoon when court adjourned.

Four of the jurors chosen, one of whom he will not have a chance of election, are old-fashioned politicians who will do. He must be progressive and meet the new conditions, the new problems."

When reporters asked Secretary Daniels whom he meant, he only smiled. Asked if the name of the man he had in mind has been included among those suggested as presidential candidates, Mr. Daniels replied: "We will not discuss that."

GERMANS' FUTURE DARK

Minister Asserts Increased Work Only Hope for Masses.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The Germans "have only arrived at the vale of tears," which they are forced to pass," said Minister of Agriculture Braun, in the Prussian diet today in connection with the food debate.

"Worse times are coming. The masses must be told that our only hope is increased work."

The minister then made the startling announcement that Germany soon would arrive at the point where she would be unable to buy anything abroad, but would be wholly dependent upon home production.

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AMERICAN AVIATORS SEIZED BY MEXICANS

TWO FLIERS, FORCED TO LAND, HELD NEAR ZAPATA.

Lieutenants Davis and Grimes Confused in Fog; Search Squadron Combs Rugged Country.

McALLEN, Texas, Jan. 28.—Two army aviators, Lieutenants E. F. Davis and G. E. Grimes, carrying a military message from Fort Brown, Texas, to Nogales, Ariz., today were forced to land in Mexico, 25 miles south of Zapata, Texas, and tonight are being held by Mexicans.

According to a message received here tonight from the aviators, they have been prevented their freedom tomorrow morning.

Lieutenants Davis and Grimes became confused in the fog and followed the Solado river into Mexico instead of proceeding on up the Rio Grande. They also had compass trouble.

Thirty miles up the Solado river the plane was forced to land. Mexicans took the two American aviators prisoners, it is understood.

The country is wild and rugged and the only means of reaching the section quickly is by plane. All day long aviators from the 8th air squadron here have combed the country on both sides of the Rio Grande and far into the interior without gaining sight of the missing men.

DANIELS IN SEER'S ROLE

Navy Secretary Says He Knows Next President, but Won't Tell.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels started considerable speculation here tonight as to whom he meant when he said in a speech that he could tell who would be the next president of the United States, but that he did not know to which party the man belonged.

As the secretary concluded he looked at J. Hampton Moore, Philadelphia's republican mayor, and said:

"I can tell you who the next president of the United States is going to be. Do you want me to tell you who he is? I don't know whether he belongs to my party or yours. If he has one drop of reactionary blood in his veins he will not have a chance of election. No old-fashioned politician will do. He must be progressive and meet the new conditions, the new problems."

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COUNCIL TO ASK FOR ARBITRATION

Engineers May Pass on Auditorium Claim.

BIGELOW, MANN DEFEATED

Mayor and Commissioners Barbur, Pier Favorable.

RESOLUTION IS PREPARED

Opinion of Committee of Five Is Heard; Contractor's Difficulties Are Reviewed.

Combined efforts of City Commissioners Bigelow and Mann to deny J. F. Kelly and N. F. Schanzen, bondsmen for Hans Peterson, who constructed the public auditorium, arbitration of losses said to have been sustained because of action on the part of the city council and city officials, and thus shut these men out of any relief through councilman channels, were defeated yesterday by Mayor Baker and Commissioners Barbur and Pier.

The climax of the hearing yesterday followed four hours of argument, in which an array of evidence was presented to show that a part of the loss, which must be paid by the bondsmen if the creditors if relief is not received from the city, accrued because of certain changes demanded by the city and not through any lack of business judgment or ability on the part of the contractor.

Committee Is Suggested.

Following the presentation of this evidence, Mayor Baker presented a resolution providing for the appointment by the mayor of a committee of five citizens skilled in building operations and architectural matters fully and carefully to consider and review all business dealings between the city and Hans Peterson, to determine what sum, if any, is morally due and unpaid by the city to Hans Peterson on the auditorium contract.

This resolution did not reach a vote of the council, although Mayor Baker announced that he would re-introduce it so that it would be on the regular calendar of business next Wednesday.

In connection with this resolution, Commissioner Mann took the stand that he was opposed to the appointment of any arbitration committee at this time, because such appointment would be an admission that the city recognize a moral claim, but that he desired to aid the mayor in naming the personnel of the committee. Mayor Baker, in reply, said that although the appointing power of committees usually rested with the mayor, it being a courtesy long recognized, he would change the wording of the resolution so that the committee would be morally obligated for some sum, and thus satisfy Commissioner Mann.

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