

NEW CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE ADVOCATED

Employees' Right to Appeal
Is Target.

EFFICIENCY HELD AIM

Gilbert Joyce to Propose That
Ousted Workers Take Cases
to Circuit Court.

Substitution of the circuit court for the city civil service commission in the case of appeals by discharged municipal employees is a proposal that will be made by Gilbert G. Joyce tonight to the general committee now at work revising Portland's city charter. He is a member of the sub-committee on civil service.

This is the feature of a report which Mr. Joyce, as a member of the charter revision commission, will make at that body's meeting in the council chambers of the city hall at 8 o'clock. The report will also recommend that a separate provision be inserted in the charter prohibiting the discharge of any city employee for political or religious reasons.

The object of the proposed amendment to the charter, according to Mr. Joyce, is to give city commissioners as free rein in the matter of removing employees as they would have if they were conducting private businesses.

Efficient Administration Sought. "Civil service," said Mr. Joyce, "is undoubtedly productive of much good for the municipality, and I believe the civil service commission should continue to conduct examinations and certify eligibility lists for employment and promotion. But I do not believe it is consistent that an appointive body should also serve as a petty judicial body in determining whether or not a discharge is made for political or religious reasons. The circuit court is the proper judicial body to pass upon such matters."

"I believe that commissioners elected by the people to conduct the affairs of such a large corporation as the city of Portland should be given every chance to make good."

Poor Workers Targeted. "The taxpayers should demand efficient service at the lowest possible expense and should hold their elected servants responsible for results. But the electorate cannot say to its commissioners that they shall produce results and at the same time handicap them by making it possible or difficult to get rid of employees who are not efficient."

"I do not wish it understood that I am making any fight to carry my objective. I was appointed to the charter revision committee and delegated to bring forward a revision of the present civil service provisions. I am firmly of the opinion that, in its present form, civil service prevents efficient administration. I believe the amendment I am suggesting will bring about greater efficiency. I am simply laying my views before the commission and ask that the individual members give them earnest consideration."

Some Change Held Imperative. "Some sort of a change is absolutely necessary and should be made progress on lines of a business-like, forward looking administration, and if any one has a better suggestion than mine I stand ready to support it."

Mr. Joyce will also recommend that the present provision requiring that three names be submitted for every position be allowed to stand. A suggestion has been made that five names be substituted for three, in order to give the appointing authority greater latitude in making selections for city jobs.

Spolia System Barred. "It has been stated that any change in the civil service provisions of the charter might make possible a return to the 'spoils system.' I do not believe there is any danger of this if the amendments I propose are adopted, as it would be impossible for the appointing power to place favorites in a position made vacant by discharge. This would remove any incentive of that kind on the part of department heads."

"It is my opinion that the class of employees made available at the present time through the holding of civil service examinations has been improved at least 100 per cent in the past few years because of the intelligent and conscientious efforts of the civil service board and its energetic secretary. I have every faith that the board will continue to function in the same way."

Police, Firemen, Exempt. Members of the police and fire bureaus are exempted from the provisions of Mr. Joyce's proposed amendment, although as far as he is personally concerned, he does not see any reason why they should not be included. He said that other members of the committee have advanced arguments why employees of the two bureaus mentioned should be excepted in the general provisions of the civil service, but he believes that this phase of the problem can be considered after the other proposal has been thrashed out in committee.

That it will take at least another six months to make a proper study of the present charter with a view to making further revision was the opinion expressed by Mr. Joyce, who declared that there has been some influence exerted to put the work of revision in order to rush the new charter on the ballot at the November election.

Employees to Attend. Hundreds of city employees are expected to attend tonight's meeting of the charter revisers, as there is deep anxiety on the part of civil service workers lest some of the safeguards that at present hold them to their jobs be threatened. "It is proper, of course," concluded Mr. Joyce, "that the city workers should have a voice in matters pertaining to their welfare, but I hold that the charter revision committee is not working for either the employees, on the one hand, or the city commissioners on the other. We should be, and are, working to amend the present charter so that it will furnish a workable instrument for better and more economical municipal government in the interest of all the people."

ZOO KEEPER FRIENDLY WITH ALL HIS ANIMALS.



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W. H. BLACKBURN AND BIG SNAKE.

The wonder of all children is W. H. Blackburn, the keeper of the capital's zoological park at Washington, D. C., who is not afraid of any kind of an animal. Blackburn didn't hesitate to handle the largest and most poisonous snakes in returning them to their cages after renovation.

SPEED COPS TO GIVE AID

MEDICAL KITS FURNISHED
STATE OFFICERS.

Men to Be Trained to Bind Up
Injuries in Traffic Accidents on Highways.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—First aid to persons injured in motor vehicle accidents hereafter will be furnished by members of the state traffic squad, provided these officers reach the scene of the accidents before the victims are treated by physicians or taken to some hospital.

Although a number of the state traffic officers received training in first aid work during the war, they will receive further instruction under the direction of competent physicians. Mr. Rafferty said today that a meeting of the traffic officers will be held in Salem within the next two weeks, when the men will receive expert advice on the subject of giving first aid treatments. At least two physicians will discuss the first aid work at the conference, and a number of practical demonstrations will follow.

The first aid kits will be carried on the motorcycles provided for the traffic officers, and will be inspected frequently by physicians in the employ of the state.

CRASH TALE CHALLENGED

Witness Says Man, Not Woman
Who Was Killed, Was Driving.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The bodies of Mrs. Beatrice E. Townsend and her mother, Mrs. L. L. Smith, who were killed Friday night when an automobile was overturned near Eugene, will be brought to Salem for burial, according to information received by the coroner today.

R. H. Beck and C. D. Groat, who registered at a hotel here Saturday, said they passed the car shortly before the accident and that Lloyd Jordan was at the wheel. Mr. Jordan, who is in a hospital at Eugene suffering from injuries from the accident, had told the officers that Mrs. Townsend was driving.

WHEAT YIELDS LARGER

Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan
Show Per-Acre Gains.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Reports from four farm bureaus with a membership of 85,141 farmers in Iowa, and in those portions of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan included in the federal reserve district, were declared in a statement issued today to show an average yield of an acre of wheat for Iowa about four bushels more than last year, for Illinois about two bushels more, while in Indiana and Michigan it is from one to two bushels less.

Barley yields were declared to be larger than last year and the hay crop exceptionally good.

COLLINS IS HONORED

Body Placed on Catafalque Before
Dublin Cathedral.

DUBLIN, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—With imposing military honor the body of Michael Collins, Ireland's warrior statesman, was borne through the streets of Dublin tonight and placed on a catafalque before the main altar of the great cathedral. A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated there tomorrow for the repose of his soul.

Sunday's total suspension of civic activities permitted the people to render unrestrictedly their homage to the memory of their beloved leader.

GOTHAM ENGRAVER HELD

Plates for Printing Liquor With-
drawal Permits Found.

(By Chicago Tribune Licensed Wire.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Raymond J. Atherley, 34 years old, who has

NORTHCLIFFE TRUST FOR TIMES HINTED

Will Decision to Determine
Newspaper's Future.

BUYERS ARE MENTIONED

Scramble to Win Control of Press
Expected if Publisher's
Shares Are Offered.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The ownership of the London Times and the policy of Lord Northcliffe's leading newspaper were questions which dominated today's newspapers. Incidentally it was learned that there is to be a contest over Lord Northcliffe's will and three caveats have been entered against its probate. It now develops that Lord Northcliffe made two wills, one dated March 22, 1919, and another shortly before his death, of which the sole executor is Lady Northcliffe.

The admitting of the will to probate will end all speculation concerning its contents. There are those who believe that Lord Northcliffe took steps perpetually to dominate the policies of the Times by some sort of organization similar to the Cecil Rhodes trust or the Rockefeller foundation. It is generally agreed that if Lord Northcliffe's shares in the London Times are disposed of in open market there will be a scramble like that of 1908 when Harmsworth, by his strategy, barely nipped out Arthur Pearson as a successor to the Walter interests who controlled the newspaper for a century.

Possible Buyers Mentioned. James L. Garvin, in the Observer, mentions possible buyers of the Times, naming Sir John Ellerman, the second largest shareholder in the paper, and Lord Rothermere, Viscount Northcliffe's brother, who conditions permitted, would buy the Times for his heir, Esmond Harmsworth.

Three or four others, among them foreign publishers, have been mentioned, but Garvin says that any attempt by outsiders to get control of the Times will fail. The Express asserts that Lord Northcliffe's estate is estimated at £4,000,000, of which heavy death duties must be paid. This will likely compel the trustees to dispose of certain of his interests, and therefore it is anticipated that control of the Times will eventually pass into other hands.

Wills to Be Put to Test. An interesting turn was taken in Lord Northcliffe's affairs by the entering of three caveats against the admission of the will or the granting of letters of administration to the Northcliffe estate. This will prevent the administration of the estate until the persons entering the caveats have been heard. Appearances to the caveats were made by Henry Prouse Arncliffe, Lord Northcliffe's solicitor and an old friend, and by Sir George Sutton, who was chairman of the Amalgamated Press, Arncliffe and Sutton are executors and trustees of the will dated March 22, 1919. Lord Riddell's News of the World is authorized by the statement that just before his death Lord Northcliffe executed another will of which Lady Northcliffe alone is executrix.

A writ of summons has been issued, thus beginning a suit to decide which of these wills shall be admitted. The first will is being put forward by the trustees of Lord Northcliffe as of unsound mind when the second will was executed, and this is the question that must be decided by the court if the case proceeds. The News of the World asserts that the probating of the will has more than a private interest, for upon its decision depends the ownership and policy of the whole Northcliffe press.

Obituary.
Mrs. J. A. Carter.
Funeral services for the late Mrs. J. A. Carter, who died at her home in this city, 580 Ramona avenue, Saturday afternoon, will be held today at 2 P. M. at the Portland crematorium. Rev. William R. Beece will conduct the services.

MRS. SHEPARD IS ILL
Woman Formerly Helen Gould Is
Expected to Recover.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, formerly Helen Gould, is a patient in the Woman's hospital. It was learned tonight that she was said to be recovering from her illness and that she probably would be out in a few days. Mrs. Shepard is the daughter of the late William Shepard, who died in 1918, and she has been married to Mr. Shepard January 22, 1913.

HOQUIAM HOLDS PRIMARY

Two Nominations Are Made for
Office of Mayor.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Harley B. Fisher and Adolph Ponischill were nominated in the primary of the advisory election held to fill the vacancy in the office of mayor caused by the resignation of W. A. Jacka. Fisher led all candidates with a vote of 643 to

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—and Clyde Cook in
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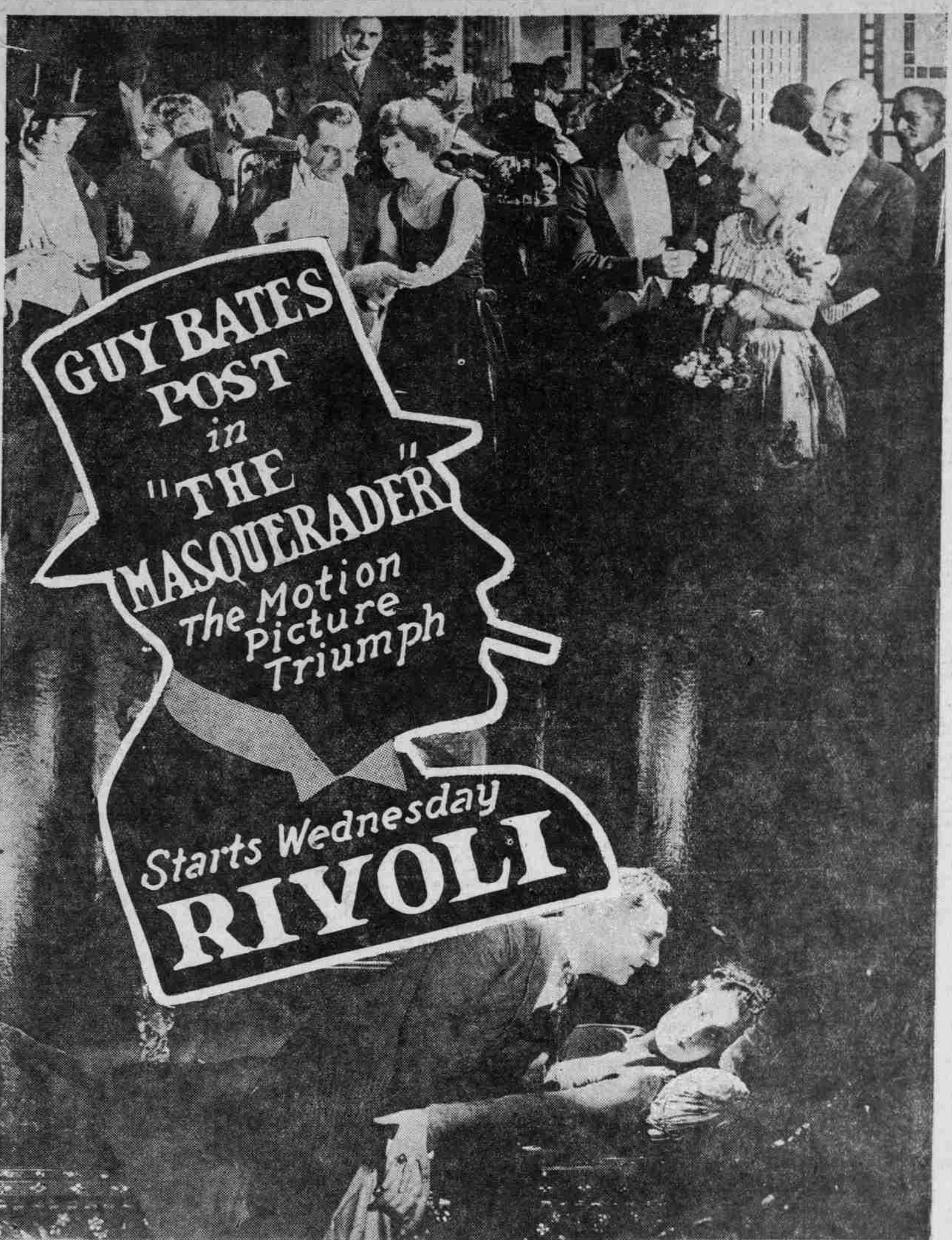
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Ponischill's 344. Other candidates were: Martin Smith 246, E. E. Ogden 34 and W. M. Lamb 108.

The final election of either Fisher or Ponischill will be held Saturday night. Commissioners Hill and Young have agreed to a signed statement to appoint the man successful in the final election as mayor.

Naval Officer Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27.—Commander James Spottiswood Taylor, medical corps, United States navy, died today at the Philadelphia navy yard hospital. While stationed in Washington in recent years he was editor of the navy bulletin.

Nationalists in Demonstration.

MUNICH, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nationalist associations in defiance of the police, held a demonstration protesting against "the Berlin settlement" of the defense laws. During the affair there were conflicts between nationalists and communists. A report was current that a coup d'état against the government of Premier Leichenfeld was imminent, but it lacked confirmation.

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