

STATE CIVIL SERVICE SCHEME IS PREPARED

Appointive Officers and Employees Included in Bill.

MEASURE GAINS SUPPORT

Committee of Which Bishop Sumner Is Chairman Prepares Bill for Legislature's Consideration.

Civil service for all appointive public officers and employees of the state is the purpose of a bill which will make its appearance in the Legislature. A bill of this character was suggested in the report of the committee on consolidation, appointed by the Governor under a resolution adopted by the Legislature in 1917, but the bill which is now being prepared for introduction is backed by a committee of which Bishop W. T. Sumner is chairman. Others on the committee are Richard W. Montague, Miss Ida V. Jantz, Manuel C. May, Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mrs. George Frankel and Mrs. Jessie L. Ream. Others interested in the measure are: W. G. Elliot, Jr.; N. G. Duback, professor of government; James D. Barnett, of Eugene, and Chambers of Commerce, the latter because of the prospect of economy being brought about.

At the invitation of friends of the merit system, Miss Eldred Johnstone, field secretary of the National League, and representative of the civil service department of State Federated Women's Clubs, has arrived to aid in presenting the bill. Mrs. Charles H. Casner, of Hood River, will go to Salem to aid in advancing the measure, and a headquarters committee for civil service legislation will be established in Salem.

Certain Exceptions Made.

According to the draft of the bill, the following exceptions are made from the blanket of civil service: Judges, courts of record and one stenographer of each judge; one clerk for each court of record; the Governor appointed to perform judicial functions, receivers, jurors and members of boards and commissions created by the Governor and serving without pay; members of the State Industrial Commission, of the Public Service Commission and of the State Civil Service Commission; the Governor's private secretary and two confidential employees in his office; appointees to fill vacancies in elective offices; one deputy of each elective officer; officers and teachers in educational institutions not reformatory or charitable in character; all state attorneys-at-law and serving as such; all officers and employees of the Legislature.

Incumbents need not worry over the bill, as they are not disturbed by its provisions, save as they are liable to removal on the same basis as employees appointed under the provisions of the act. The commission is to be composed of three commissioners, appointed by the Governor for overlapping terms, and the appointees must be people who are known to be devoted to the merit system.

Salaries to Be Fixed.

Under the bill the commission has extensive powers. The commission is to classify and grade all positions, designate the minimum salary, and arrange that salary advancement be made on the basis of efficiency and seniority.

Abuses and frauds in examinations are rigidly guarded against in the bill.

Political activity of civil service officers is limited to membership in a political club, attendance at political meetings and to entire freedom from all interference in casting votes and seeking election or appointment as school director, member of the Board of Education or member of the Library Board. Penalties for violation of the provisions of the act range from a fine of \$50 to six months' imprisonment.

BRITON'S RECORD NOTABLE

COLONEL LAWRENCE HELPS ARABS IN FIGHTING TURKS.

Young Englishman Does Remarkable Work in Blowing Up Troop Trains on Hedjaz Line.

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Colonel T. E. Lawrence, of the British Army, who recently arrived in London with a son of the Sheriff of Mecca to give information concerning the Arab aspirations for independence, is characterized by some London newspapers as "one of the most remarkable men produced by the war."

A fair-haired young Englishman of 29, small of stature, Colonel Lawrence gave such services to the Arab cause that he was treated as a sheriff, and given the additional rank of Emir, which is equivalent to that of prince. No other Emir of Arabia has been accorded to the London Daily Mail, has ever received such a distinction at the hands of the royal family, which is the senior descendant of Mohammed.

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET

A Well-Known Actress Tells How to Darken Gray Hair with a Simple Home Made Mixture.

Jockey Williams, the well-known American actress, who was recently playing at the Imperial Theater in St. Louis, Mo., made the following statement about gray hair and how to darken it:

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray streaks or faded hair, and make it soft and glossy. It is a half pint of water add a ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 ounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost, or any drugist can put it up for you. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look 20 years younger. This is a dye, it does not color the most delicate scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off."

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SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE HEALTH BY CAMPAIGN

Work Will Be in Charge of Junior Red Cross.

GOOD RESULTS EXPECTED

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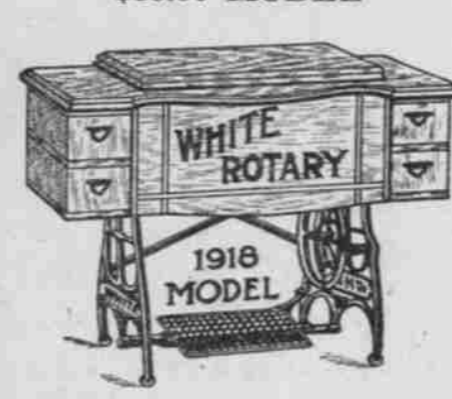
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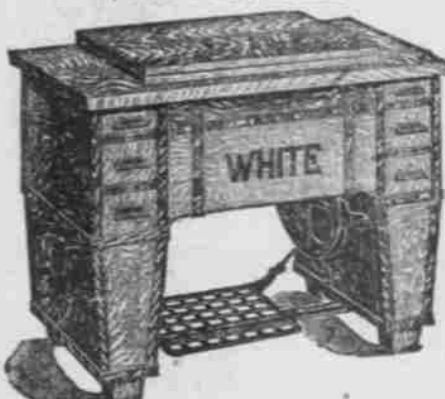
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LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Demobilization of the British army is now in full swing. Up to the present time a total of 80,000 men have passed through the six dispersal stations in England and Scotland, and skilled workers are being returned to industry in rapidly increasing numbers. Soon 15 dispersal stations will be in operation, each of which will be capable of dealing with 2000 men every 24 hours.

According to Major-General E. F. Burnett-Hitchcock, director-general of demobilization, who at Camp Wimbledon explained to a representative of the Associated Press the details of the work, it will be a long time before the demobilization limit has been reached. The question of the number of men each of the associated governments is to leave in the enemy countries for occupation purposes will be determined at the present time.

The following classes are being demobilized in bloc here: Miners, sick and wounded soldiers,

convalescents, men over 41 who were called up in the last draft, "pivotal," or leading men in industry, students and teachers.

Those that will not be demobilized for the present are the railway personnel in France, men having to do with transportation generally, and those in charge of horses.

Many physicians have been released, but a sufficient force will be retained to care for the 500,000 sick and wounded now under treatment.

General Hitchcock had been working on demobilization plans for 18 months prior to the signing of the armistice, and his machinery was an early ready for its work as the exigencies of the war permitted. The main outlines of his scheme were borrowed from the measures taken by the Japanese after their war with Russia.

"The actual number of units to be got ready for demobilization," said General Hitchcock, "is 17,000. There are 19 categories of men, each category having different legal rights to be safeguarded."

"The rate of demobilization depends upon transportation facilities. More and more ships are being converted into transports and they soon will exceed berth accommodation at the various ports from which the men are being sent home. Every ship from France is now bringing over troops, some from the front. The bulk of them are min-

era, 25,000 having been released from the army to date."

Conditions of rail and road transportation in France are extremely bad, he pointed out, and the question of supplying the army of occupation in Germany was paramount.

Men on Leave Not Freed.

Just because a man is on leave at home doesn't entitle him, said General Hitchcock, to be mustered out of service before a soldier in the field. Nor is the question of a man's discharge left in the hands of commanding officers.

"A commanding officer can't say," General Hitchcock continued, "Well, this man makes a good waiter at the mess and we won't let him go."

"Compassionate cases," that is, where the wife of a soldier is seriously ill or where there are motherless children, are being dealt with as quickly as possible. Soldiers are bringing home vast quantities of luggage. One ship from Holland had 2800 tons of it, including four grand pianos and a beehive, which was overturned and an officer badly stung.

At the Wimbledon station the correspondent saw the working of the demobilization machinery. On arrival the men find a hot meal awaiting them, no matter what hour of day or night.

Each receives a ration book, an unemployment policy, a railway warrant, a pamphlet of good advice, \$10, a label for the return of his overcoat, and a certificate entitling him to draw pay and all allowances for 28 days.

Thoughtful indication of the returning soldier is regarded as important. "You would be surprised," said General Hitchcock, "to know how many soldiers change their identification disks with pale. It's the same in the French army. Why they do it is beyond imagination. We are always buying the wrong man."

The soldier turns over his rifle and accoutrements, but he is permitted to keep his uniform after "the hat." He must return his army overcoat within a month, receiving \$5 for it.

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A charge of forgery was placed against Adams and one of obtaining money by false pretenses against Frolich.

A woman is responsible for the apprehension of Adams, whose confession led to the capture of Frolich. Mrs. M. Jacobs, who has been in Portland quite friendly, is said to have passed a bogus check for \$300 on the Portland Outfitting Company, several days ago. When she attempted to cash a second for \$35 yesterday she was held and the Constable notified. Adams was picked up on the street at First and Harrison as he was hastening to the apartment of Mrs. Miller. Two uncashed checks were found in the sweatband of his hat corresponding to checks which had been cashed.

Most of the checks were on the State Bank of Portland and were signed by M. Standifer. Adams is supposed to have operated in Seattle, according to information furnished the Constable by Frolich, who was arrested at the Alaska Hotel on information given by Adams.

Women Form Curling Club.

JUNEAU, Alaska.—(Curling of Dawson, Y. T., have formed a curling club and will meet the next at Harrison according to advice from that city,