

POSTAL CHIEF PUT OUT BY BURLESON

Postmaster-General Summarily Ousts Mackay.

A. F. ADAMS PUT IN CHARGE

Government Alleges Company Head Wouldn't Obey Orders.

COURT ACTION EXPECTED

Removed President of Postal and Other Officials May Fight Attempt to Bar Them From Company.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Differences between the management of the Postal Telegraph & Cable company and Postmaster-General Burleson, acute ever since the government assumed control of the telegraph and telephone systems, culminated today in an order by the postmaster-general summarily removing the chief officers, directors and owners of the Postal company from all duties in connection with government operation of their systems.

In the place of Clarence H. Mackay, president of the company, the order appointed A. F. Adams, president of the Kansas City Home Telephone company and member of the government general telephone and telegraph operating board, to take over management of the entire Postal system.

Mr. Adams Takes Charge.

In announcing the action postoffice department officials said Mr. Adams presented the order at the company's headquarters in New York today and took over control.

W. W. Cook, general counsel, and William Deegan, secretary, were named specifically with Mr. Mackay in the removal order.

The department's announcement said the action was made necessary by failure or refusal of the Postal officials to follow instructions, efforts to embarrass and discredit government control and failure promptly to put a new wage schedule and the eight-hour day into operation.

Officials said informally they assumed the Postal company would seek to interfere with execution of the order by some court action, though they did not know what form it might take.

Connection Is Retained.

The officers relieved of their duties under the government retain their connection with the company itself, the postmaster-general's authority extending only to the actual control and operation of the company's properties.

Last January Mr. Burleson removed Edward Reynolds, vice-president and general manager of the Postal, on the ground that he was obstructing operation under the government.

REMOVAL HELD DESPOTIC ACT

Burleson's Statement Denounced by Postal Officials.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Refusal by the Postal Telegraph company to sanction an increase of telegraph rates which it deemed unjust and an award of a 19 per cent wage increase to employees instead of the 2 per cent advanced by Postmaster-General Burleson were said tonight by William S. Deegan, secretary of the company, to be the "reasons" for the removal today by Mr. Burleson of Clarence Mackay, president, and other officials of the company.

Mr. Deegan declared that "we shall not surrender or abandon our fight against Burleson's usurpation."

The order removing the officials was served at noon without previous notice, said the statement, which continued:

"Burleson gives us as a reason for the order that we have failed to carry out his orders and instructions. We do not know what Burleson refers to in the way of orders and instructions. This is all a pretense."

"The statement by Burleson that we failed promptly to put into effect the wage increase is a distortion. We announced an increase in wages of all our employees on March 5, effective from January 1, which was more generous than that ordered by Burleson. The Burleson schedule was based entirely on the Western Union plan of organization, which is different from ours, and it was impossible to apply to our organization. Burleson's operating board admitted this, and told us to do the best we could. Burleson's statement on the wage schedule is a deliberate attempt to distort facts."

"We did refuse to assent to a proposition made by Burleson's operating board of the Bell telephone and Western Union officials to increase telegraph rates, but this never reached the form of an order. Burleson carefully refrains from mentioning this, and this may be why he has removed our officials."

The statement, which declares the action of the postmaster-general to be "one of the most despotic acts in the history of the government," and that his purpose "evidently is to destroy the Postal Telegraph system," says the men who were appointed to take over the property know nothing of the telegraph business.

The three men who came to the Postal Telegraph building at 252 Broad-

SATISFYING HUNGER OF 86,500,000 REAL JOB

HOOVER TELLS OF TASK OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

American Treasury Funds Up to About \$300,000,000 Expended for Food to End of February.

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PARIS, March 22.—(Special Cable.)—Herbert C. Hoover in an interview said of the food task confronting the supreme economic council:

"We have to feed 7,500,000 people in Belgium, 20,000,000 in Poland, 13,000,000 in Czechoslovakia, 13,000,000 in Roumania, 12,000,000 or 13,000,000 in Greater Serbia and 20,000,000 in Finland, Armenia and other countries. Up to the end of February we expended from the American treasury somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 representing about a million tons of food, the largest part of which has arrived."

Mr. Hoover then mentioned what he considered would be the food requirements of the people to be supplied; the Poles, about 60,000 to 70,000 tons per month; the Roumanians, 50,000 to 60,000 tons; the Greater Serbians, 40,000; the Czechoslovaks, 50,000 to 60,000; Belgium, 150,000 tons, and the other liberated peoples, 60,000.

"The flour will be distributed in pound lots for use in grain or other culinary purposes, but not for making bread."

PROUD FATHER CELEBRATES

On Return of Soldier-Son, Hood River Man Buys More Land.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—A. F. Bickford, member of the directorate of the apple growers' association, who is just back from a tour of Atlantic coast marketing centers, where he conducted investigations for the co-operative sales agency, celebrated the homecoming of his soldier son, Hayes Bickford, yesterday by the purchase of 30 acres of bearing orchard from R. H. Weber. The son, just back from France with the 69th regiment of artillery, has doffed his olive drab for overalls, and has begun the season's spraying.

Mr. Bickford said the favorable outlook for Northwestern fruit in eastern cities actuated him in buying additional orchard property. He and his son now have 50 acres of trees in their charge.

BELGIAN EXILES THRIFTY

Refugees in England Reminded of Income Tax Due.

LONDON, March 22.—Belgian refugees who fled to England at the beginning of the war have made their residence profitable, according to testimony at court at Hempstead, where a number appeared today to answer to the charge of not paying their income tax. Women, it was testified, made as much as \$1500 a year, while it was not uncommon for men to earn from \$2500 to \$3500.

None of the 50 Belgians summoned before the court had taken any notice of the order to pay their tax and the court ordered that they make amends "for their mistake."

FRANCE TO REBUILD LINES

Expenditure of Huge Sum Planned to Reorganize Communication.

PARIS, March 22.—The expenditure of more than 2,000,000,000 francs in the reorganization of communication in northeastern France is planned by Albert Clavelle, minister of public works.

In a report to President Poincare the minister says that more than 300,000,000 francs should be expended for the construction of new main railroad lines, more than 87,000,000 francs for the construction of waterways, more than 200,000,000 for building and rebuilding roads and more than 500,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvements of maritime ports.

DENMARK TO GET CAPTIVES

France Consents to Repatriation of German Prisoners.

PARIS, March 22.—In conformity with the attitude of the British government, the French war office consented to the immediate repatriation of German prisoners of war born in Danish Schleswig.

CARUSO GETS BIG OVATION

Twenty-fifth Year on Operatic Stage Is Celebrated.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Enrico Caruso received a great ovation tonight at the Metropolitan opera house at a celebration of his 25th year on the operatic stage.

STORM TIES WIRE SERVICE

Sleet and Wind in Wyoming Show No Signs of Abating.

DENVER, March 22.—With no sign of abating the sleet and wind storm that has griped Wyoming since Thursday afternoon continued to hamper all organized the independence of Lithuania. Reports from Cheyenne late today were that the storm was increasing in severity.

LOW-COST LUMBER SOON IMPROBABLE

Indications Are That High Prices Will Continue.

TENDENCY STILL IS UPWARD

Conference at Washington Encounters Difficulties.

REVISION FAR FROM EASY

Efforts to Fix Quotations in Lumber With Steel Products Unavailing. Builders Urged to Resume.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representatives of the lumber industry and the industrial board of the department of commerce encountered many difficulties peculiar to the trade in beginning conference today with a view to effecting price revision similar to those in steel products.

At the close of more than six hours of discussion it was announced that no agreement had been reached. Hope of any agreement was held out, however, in the decision to have a committee of the lumbermen remain in Washington for consultation with the board and to supply available figures on production costs in each section of the lumber industry. Further meetings will be subject to the call of the board.

It was evident from comments after the meeting that the lumbermen did not hold out any prospect of material reductions in prices of their products. It was stated that the increases had continued even after the signing of the armistice.

General Authority Requested.

In response to the request of the board that the lumbermen take the initiative in submitting a schedule of revised prices, it was pointed out that nobody present had authority to take such action other than for his own plants, and that even if an agreement were reached at the conference its effect would be local to these plants and have no general effect.

Some of the lumbermen were dubious as to the legality of any price agreement. John H. Kirby of Houston, Tex., bluntly said the associations of which he was a member would "throw out" any man guilty of conspiring to fix prices. What the board members told the lumbermen on this subject was not disclosed, but it generally had

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GIRL SLAYER SPIRITED TO NEW HIDING PLACE

REMOVAL FROM JAIL BRINGS CRITICISM TO SHERIFF.

Identification of Handwriting in Suicide Note Held Important Angle in Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—(Special.)—Ruth Garrison, confessed slayer of Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Storrs, was spirited away to new hiding place Saturday afternoon by Sheriff John Stringer.

After remaining over night at the House of the Good Shepherd, North Fifth street and Sunnyside avenue, the sheriff's car, at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, carried her to a new place of detention, the location of which the sheriff refused to divulge.

She will probably be kept there until the day of her trial, which will probably be three or four weeks hence, the sheriff asserts.

"I'm not going to put her in the county jail," he declared.

Hiding Place Withheld.

The reason for removing her from the House of the Good Shepherd, it was said, was because a constant stream of visitors and curious persons had persistently harassed the sisters in charge of the institution.

The hiding of the prisoner, the burial of Mrs. Storrs and the declaration by E. M. Storrs, husband of the murdered woman, that he did not believe his feelings toward Ruth Garrison had undergone any marked change because of her confession to the murder of his wife, constituted the principal developments in the case Saturday.

Slain Woman Buried.

Mrs. Storrs was buried in Calvary cemetery Saturday morning following funeral services held at the Church of Our Lady of Good Help. The services were strictly private.

Asked if he had made any effort to attend his wife's funeral Storrs replied: "What's the use? You know how much change a fellow would have in this dump."

Inquiry among the jailers developed the fact that Storrs had made no effort to attend the funeral and that if he had asked to do so the chances were very much in favor of his having been sent under escort. It has been done many times in the past, even with men charged with graver crimes than held against Storrs.

Offense Not Realized.

Asked concerning his plans as they affected Ruth Garrison, Storrs said he had not attempted to make any. He expressed satisfaction at the news that Ruth had been taken to the House of the Good Shepherd instead of to the county jail.

"People probably do not care a rap how I feel in the matter," he said, "but I know Ruth pretty well. She does not know what she's doing. I'm certain of it without having seen her that she hasn't the slightest idea of the enormity of her offense."

The answer to the question which Ruth Garrison constantly asked when she was arrested, "Will he still love me?" was answered in part Saturday by Storrs himself when he was asked if

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ITALIANS ADAMANT ON FIUME QUESTION

E. M. House's Solution of Problem Yet Secret.

SITUATION IS EMBARRASSING

French Press Sees "Growing Confusion" at Conference.

BITTER CRITICISM VOICED

Writer in Le Journal Says "Fits of Temper" by Council Are Not Favorable for Developments.

PARIS, March 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—There is no hint yet as to the character of the plan under consideration by E. M. House, for a settlement of the Fiume problem, but it is expected the plan will be ready in a day or two.

The Italian declaration has answered all advances made aiming at the establishment of the eastern frontier without assigning Fiume to Italy by declaring that any such solution, even if accepted by the delegates here, would be useless, as neither the Italian parliament nor people would ratify such an agreement for the abandonment of what they consider "the indispensable completion of the mother country."

Much Propaganda Spread.

For many weeks past they have been simply flooding other delegations and the offices of foreign correspondents with literature to support Italian claims. This incited the Serbian delegation in Paris to very sharp responses which were given to the press and which denounced Italian contentions as being in absolute violation of President Wilson's 14 points because they deny access to the sea to the Jugos-Slav people in the interior.

The supreme council is called upon directly in deciding this issue to pass upon the validity of secret treaties negotiated in London in 1915, some of which at least are held to be at variance with the "14 points." The council is also embarrassed by the probable effect of any decision it may make in the Fiume case upon Greek and French claims to the Smyrna coast, Polish claims to Lemberg and Polish claims to Danzig.

The whole question will go before President Wilson for consideration and solution. Its removal as the serious danger mark in the conference program

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GOTHAM REDS DERIDE 'SNEAKRET' SERVICE.

RADICALS PROTEST AGAINST DEBS IMPRISONMENT.

Bolshevik Diatribes Cheered by Crowd of 5000—Nation-Wide Strike July 4 Is Proposed.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A suggestion that members of the National Security league and United States "sneakret" service agents be ducked in the East river was cheered by nearly 5000 radicals who attended an open-air mass meeting here today to protest against imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, and other radicals convicted of violating the espionage act.

The suggestion was made by Joseph Caldwell of Providence, R. I., who explained that Russian revolutionists had ducked all military police. Caldwell exhibited a dictograph with which he said government agents had obtained evidence with which to convict him of violating the espionage law. He explained his presence at the meeting by saying he was out on \$25,000 bail pending an appeal.

Another salvo of cheers greeted Caldwell's announcement that Debs had declared he wanted "first, last and all the time to be known as a bolshevik."

Scott Nearing, socialist and former college professor, who was acquitted recently of a charge of violating the espionage act, was given an ovation. He urged that American workers unite in organization of an "industrial commonwealth."

"This," he declared, "is the only means of obtaining real freedom. You must be ready to sacrifice your lives to this cause if need be."

Irwin St. John Tucker, another speaker, proposed a nation-wide strike on July 4 in protest against imprisonment of Debs and other radicals.

COURT ORDERS AUCTION

Spokane Heat, Light & Power Company Up for Sale.

SPOKANE, March 22.—An order for the sale of the assets of the Spokane Heat, Light & Power Company here, operating in the hands of a receiver, at public auction, April 21, was issued by United States District Judge Frank H. Rudkin here today.

A minimum bid of \$250,000 was set by the court but first bonds outstanding against the company held by eastern electrical concerns, total \$1,400,000. The company is capitalized at \$3,500,000.

FOREST FLOCKS INCREASE

About 100,000 Sheep Under Control of Deschutes Administration.

BEND, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—One hundred thousand sheep will be under the control of Deschutes national forest officials, it was estimated today. In addition to 40,000 which will graze on the Deschutes forest about 60,000 in the Cascade and Santiam forests have been transferred to the administration of Supervisor N. G. Jacobson.

MOB RAGES IN BUDAPEST

Intention to Proclaim Soviet Republic Is Reported.

COPENHAGEN, March 22.—A Budapest dispatch says that a mob stormed the postoffice and military buildings and destroyed a Honved monument. It is reported that the extreme socialists intended to proclaim a soviet republic. Red Russian troops are reported to have arrived at Tarnopol.

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OLCOTT TO SERVE 4 YEARS, SAYS BROWN

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Treasurer to Refuse to Pay Salary as Governor.

SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE

Opinion Handed Down Holds Governor May Resign as Secretary of State, Naming Successor.

SALEM, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott is entitled to serve the full four years of the unexpired term of the late Governor Withcomb. He likewise has authority to resign as secretary of state and appoint his successor to that office without jeopardizing his right to remain as governor of Oregon.

These are the salient features of a sweeping opinion handed down today by Attorney-General Brown. The opinion was given at the request of Governor Olcott, who, shortly after he took office as governor, announced his desire to relinquish the office of secretary of state and name a successor if the laws of Oregon would permit of such a procedure.

Friendly Suit to Be Started.

That his opinion might be tested in the Oregon supreme court at the earliest possible moment, the attorney-general advised Governor Olcott that a friendly suit should be instituted in the supreme court immediately in order that all doubt might be set at rest.

The attorney-general suggested that State Treasurer Hoff be asked to raise payment on Governor Olcott's salary warrant as governor in order that the latter might bring mandamus proceedings in the supreme court.

"As the basis for a friendly suit, I will ask the state treasurer to refuse payment of the warrant that will be issued for the month of March," said the attorney-general. "In asking Attorney-General Brown for an opinion on this subject, I requested information as to how to obtain the speediest possible determination of the question, and am pleased that he so quickly found the way for a solution."

Treasurer to Refuse Payment.

State Treasurer Hoff said he would consent to act on the suggestion of Governor Olcott, which means that the mandamus proceedings will be started immediately after April 1.

If the supreme court sustains the opinion of the attorney-general and holds that the governor has authority to resign as secretary of state and name his successor, Governor Olcott is expected to take such action shortly thereafter, his reason for so doing, as outlined in a recent announcement of his policies, is that he desires a third member on the state board of control. Under present conditions, holding both offices jointly, he has absolute control of the actions of this important state board.

Former Opinions Cited.

Attorney-General Brown's opinion recites a portion of Oregon's political history back to the days of the constitutional convention and he refers pointedly to the fact that eminent jurists of those early days, who assisted in framing the constitution of Oregon were of the same opinion regarding the legal status of a governor who takes office by virtue of the death or resignation of his predecessor.

The principal question which Governor Olcott sought to be determined was whether or not he could surrender the office of secretary of state without automatically surrendering the office of governor at the same time.

Reply Is Given in Part.

The attorney-general's answer, as embraced in his lengthy opinion, in part follows:

"My answer to the foregoing inquiry is that in my opinion you have a lawful right to resign the office of secretary of state, and the surrender of said office will in no way cloud your title to the office of governor of the state of Oregon. My opinion is formed from the language used in section 3, article V, of the Oregon constitution, in part reading as follows: 'In case of the removal of the governor from office or his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the duties of the office, the same shall devolve upon the secretary or state,' together with the exposition of said section of the constitution by the chief justice of the Oregon supreme court in the case of Chadwick vs. Barhart, II Oregon, 358, w. l., holds that upon a vacancy in the office of governor, the same devolved upon the secretary of state and that the secretary becoming governor continued to discharge the duties of governor after he had ceased to be secretary of state and until the governor next succeeding entered into the office."

Exhaustive Research Made.

"I have also made an exhaustive search of the authorities of other jurisdictions where like questions have been adjudicated. I have likewise considered the acts of the chief justice of the supreme court in administering the oath of office of governor to the secretary of state when the office of the chief executive devolved upon the sec-

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IT MAY BE GOOD DISCIPLINE FOR THE COOK, BUT IT'S TOUGH ON THE REST OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

