HOME BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OPENED AT AUDITORIUM

Portland's second annual "Home Beautiful" exposition opened at The Auditorium at 10 a. m. today and will continue all the week. No admission fee is charged and the exposition will be open to the public from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day, closing Saturday night. Workmen were busy at The Auditorium all day Sunday and late into the night preparing displays, and the last finishing touches were completed at noon today, according to John H. Mariels, chairman of the committee in charge of the event.

More than 80 exhibits of building materials and homefurnishings have been installed, and space also has been taken by a number of real estate firms and financial companies. The purpose of the exposition is to educate the public in standard methods of construction and to cultivate a taste for homefurnishing and decoration.

Model homes, showing interiors of various rooms, are among the most interesting of the exhibits. Models of concrete and brick construction, electrical wiring and plumbing are also shown. Immense displays of rugs, curtains and draperies lend color to The Auditorium interior.

The radio demonstration of The Journal, to be given each day during the exposition, is one of the chief attractions of the exposition. A wireless telephone has been installed and those who attend the show will hear excerpts from The Journal's radio broadcasting news service each evening of the week.

Firms with exhibits in the second annual Home Beautiful exposition are:

Cartosian Bros., Wickman Building Co., Frank L. McGuire, Smith Wallpaper Co., the Wallworth Co., Associated Industries of Oregon, Standard Brick & Tile Co., Coe A. McKenna, Equitable Life Insurance Co., J. C. Robinson Electric Service Co., J. C. English Co., Fred Wagner, Thermo Wall Co., Olson & Jordan, M. J. Walsh Co., Reed Specialty Shop, Hall Gas Furnace Co., W. E. Worth, Hess Furnace Co., Portland Gas & Coke Co., Stone Tone Stucco Co., J. L. Hartman, Rasmussen-Paine Co., Title & Trust Co., Western Fluff Rug Co., Scott Electric Co., Powers Furniture Co., Harry Beckwith, H. R. Kibler, Shope Brick Co., Northwest Distributing Agency, Zimmerman-Waller Building Co., A. G. Teepe, Electric Maid Shop, Rader Window Shade Co., the Curtain Store, Central Heating & Supply Co., Olds, Wortman & King, B. Lee Paget, Schwan Piano Co., The Journal Publishing Co., Portland Realty Board, M. L. Kline Co., G. F. P. Johnson, J. R. Lynch, Artistic Home Builders, Meier & Frank Co., Ritter, Lowe & Co., Jenning & Sona, Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., Gaynor Hardwood Floors, Advance Photo Co., McDougall Music Co., Danner Metal Polish, O. A. Pearce, Marshall-Wells Co., Richards Brush Co., Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Staples Jewelry Store, Grand Electric Co., Portland Library Association, Brice Mortgage Co., the Oregonian, Pacific States Fire Insurance Co., Roof Securities, Knight Electric Co., Atiyeh Bros., Norris Safe & Lock Co., Vacuette Distributor Co., Portland Women's Real Estate Board, Montag Furnace Co., Homer Furnace Co., Northwest Rug Co., Mary Elizabeth Co., Oregon Household Specialty Co., Reubin Studio, Jackson & Lermer, John L. Stark & Co.

NATIONALIZE MINES, ARGUMENT OF LEWIS

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ing agreement, and thus end the coal strike.

Lewis said the miners would welcome an impartial and judicial investigation that would reveal the facts regarding the coal business—profits, operating practices, industrial relations.

SAYS IT IS LOCKOUT

After reviewing the circumstances leading up to the present tieup, the miners' chief said:

"In both fields the suspension of work is in reality a lockout, and not a strike. In both it is made inevitable by the actions of the operators.

"The difference between the two is this: In the bituminous field the operators have arrogantly refused to fulfill obligations that should be sacred to them and have demanded that labor be regarded as a commodity and tamely submit to a fixation of its wage through the so-called law of supply and demand, through the exercise of industrial strife and stress, through the pressure of hunger on the one side and unrestrained greed on the other.

"In the anthracite field the operators are carrying out their agreement to enter into conferences, but say there must be a suspension until it can be determined where the wage rates for the ensuing term are to be fixed."

WEST VIRGINIA NON-UNION COAL MINES' RANKS BREAK

Wheeling, W. Va., April 3.—(I. N. S.) The first break in operation of non-union mines in the Panhandle counties of West Virginia came today when two mines in Marshall county suspended operation with the forces joining the strikers. The two forces totalled about 550 men. It is reported 1500 non-union men are idle throughout the district.

All the union mines remain idle and at United Mine Workers' headquarters this morning it was declared the strike was still 100 per cent effective in union mines.

Reward for Slayer Of Son Is Offered

Oregon City, April 3.—A reward of $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of his son, was posted Sunday by Granville Davis of Indianapolis, Ind. The body of the son, E. E. Davis, was discovered December 12 in his cabin on a homestead near Wilhoit, the neck severed by a blow from an axe. No trace of the murderers or tangible clues have been developed by the local officials. The reward is to stand until the end of the present year.

Seattle Councilman Is Out for Congress

Seattle, April 3.—With the demand for substitution of a definite Japanese exclusion act for the present "gentlemen's agreement" as the principal plank in his platform, Philip Tindall, a member of Seattle's city council, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the First Washington district, to succeed Representative John F. Miller.

Homestead Exempt In Bankruptcy Not Attachment Proof

Homestead property exempt under the bankruptcy law cannot be protected from attachment in the state courts, Federal Judge R. S. Bean ruled this morning.

Mrs. Sarah Burkman, No. 596 East 28th street, entered bankruptcy recently. The referee set aside her home as exempt. H. H. Mathews, who performed painting and paperhanging in the home a few days before the bankruptcy petition was filed, filed a mechanic's lien.

The woman sought relief in the federal court, contending that her property was exempt from all liens.

"When property is set aside by the bankruptcy court as exempt, it is then within the jurisdiction of the state courts," the judge said. "The mechanic's lien should be filed in the state court."

JOFFRE WELCOME TO BE AT 9 A. M.

Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, will not be disturbed upon his arrival Tuesday morning until 9 o'clock when an official welcome will be tendered him by Governor Olcott, Mayor Baker and a special reception committee. The visiting party will take breakfast in their private car at the Union station.

Entertainment plans as decided upon last week remained unchanged today although it may be necessary to change the program on a minute's notice if the illness of Marshal Joffre continues to trouble him.

After the reception the visitor will be taken by automobile to the Interstate bridge for a Pacific highway dedication ceremony. This will follow a tour of the city during which the school children will have an opportunity to see the French war hero. After the dedication ceremonies the party will continue on their way out the Columbia river highway. The distance traveled will depend upon the wishes of the marshal.

At 8 p. m. the marshal will address a meeting of ex-service men in the Armory. The party will leave that night for the South.

The desire of Marshal Joffre to meet some of the original inhabitants of the United States will be gratified when he is introduced to Captain Sumpkin, Mox. Umapine, Red Elk and Peo, representatives of the Nez Perce, Umatilla and Cayuse tribes.

In war paint and regalia the Indians will arrive in the morning from Pendleton in time to be present at the reception at the depot. They will also participate in the parade and the ceremonies at the Interstate bridge.

MARSHAL JOFFRE TO LEAVE FOR PORTLAND THIS EVENING

Seattle, April 3.—(U. P.)—After a day of rest from the strenuous program of receptions, banquets and speaking through which he has gone, Marshal Joffre, Seattle's distinguished guest, was scheduled to leave for Portland at 11:45 tonight.

On Sunday afternoon Marshal Joffre, with a notable gathering of army and navy officers, American Legion officials, representatives of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and other organizations, participated in a tree-planting ceremony at Sunnydale.

Before a crowd including a large number of children, the marshal turned the earth around a young elm tree beside one planted at the same time by Brigadier General U. G. McAlexander, commanding Camp Lewis, who, from his exploits overseas, has earned the nickname of "The Rock of the Marne."

A tree each was also planted by Rear Admiral John A. Hoogewerff, commandant of the Thirteenth naval district, and by Samuel Hill, Seattle capitalist and Marshal Joffre's host.

Many Expected at Banquet to Meyer of War Finance Board

From the number of reservations which have already been made for the banquet in honor of Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, Wednesday evening, officials of the Chamber of Commerce anticipate a large attendance. Reservations are being made on the seventh floor of the Oregon building.

Meyer will be a visitor all day Wednesday, his mission being to explain the functions of the war finance corporation and its needs. At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning he will confer with local bankers and business men in the green room of the chamber. He will be the guest of honor at a private luncheon at noon, and in the afternoon at 3:30 he will hold a meeting for out-of-town bankers.

Judge Tazwell of Circuit Court Files For Renomination

George Tazwell, judge of department 1, probate division of the circuit court, filed with Secretary of State Kozer today his formal announcement as a candidate for renomination by the Republican primaries, May 17.

Tazwell was born in England in 1870 and came to Oregon from Illinois in 1889. He entered the University of Oregon law school, and after graduation was admitted to the bar in 1894. He formed a connection with the law firm of Dolph, Mallory & Simon and later went to Washington as private secretary for United States Senator Simon. Returning to Portland, he formed a partnership with Frank S. Bennett, succeeding the latter as municipal judge, to which position he was elected in 1911. In 1916 he was elected county judge. By act of the legislature in 1917 the position of county judge was made a branch of the circuit court, with jurisdiction over probate matters.

Two Women and Five Men on Grand Jury

Last month there were five women and two men on the Multnomah county grand jury. This month there are two women and five men. The names drawn from the jury box in Presiding Judge Tucker's court this morning at the opening of the term follow: John E. Spier, Clara I. Elliott, Burman L. Lester, Leon Semler, Mrs. Ona George, Maurice B. Wakeman and A. D. Keene.

PROSPERITY SIGNS SEEN BY VISITING BUICK AUTO MAN

H. H. Bassett, president, and E. T. Strong, general sales manager, of the Buick Motor company, Flint, Mich., are today visiting Portland, having arrived on the Shasta Limited last night in company with R. F. Thompson, general manager of the Howard Automobile Co., Pacific Coast distributor of Buick automobiles.

H. H. Bassett

"On the present trip we have been greatly impressed by the general improved business conditions," said Bassett this morning. "In every section there has been a sound fundamental reason for this. In many cases it is the improvement in the market value of wheat, corn, oats, cotton, hogs, wool or the various products that are vitally important to the sections in which they are grown. For instance, 50-cent corn and $10 hogs in Iowa mean an additional $40,000,000 to the state.

E. T. Strong

"One of the most important indications of a resumption of normal conditions in business is the increased buying of freight cars. In January and February the railroads of this country purchased 22,000 new freight cars, while in all of 1921 the number was but 30,000.

A railroad, by the way, is a wonderful barometer of general business conditions.

"Reports of the comptroller of the currency show that the financial affairs of the country are better than they have been since 1919 and indicate conclusively that the peak of liquidation was passed between September 6 and December 31. The War Finance corporation reports a progressive liquidation of its loans and a general improvement of conditions in the entire agricultural industry.

"Wider and better roads, of which I see you are building a great number, will do more than anything else to make this country more prosperous through bettering transportation conditions."

The Buick party was taken out over the Columbia highway this morning by George W. Dean, Portland manager of the Howard automobile company, for a luncheon at Mrs. Henderson's Crown Point chalet, at which Buick dealers from Oregon and Washington will be present.

NEIGHBOR WARNED IN 'GHOST' ROW

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of the neighborhood, who led the delegation of citizens in asking Wellcome to "get out," is convinced that the mysterious rappings are caused by Mrs. Wellcome. He said this afternoon that while he was in the house he saw a shadow of her apparently hammering something at the same time the noises were heard. The sound of the noises appears to be close to wherever Mrs. Wellcome is, he said.

Brown denies his delegation made any threats to the Wellcomes, though he did say they had been asked to move. The neighbors, he explained, had requested him to act as spokesman.

"The women of the neighborhood are all under high nerve tension," he said. "The Wellcomes apparently brought the disturbance with them, and everyone in Brentwood believes they should take it away. They were asked to move because they had become a nuisance.

HURTS REAL ESTATE

He went on to explain that even in this "enlightened" day there were superstitious people and that such "carryings on" frighten them. The result, he said is that real estate values in the community are lowered.

In the meantime opinion in the suburb is divided. Some are firmly convinced that the noises are from a supernatural source while others maintain that Mrs. Wellcome is the one making them.

This contention is borne out by a meeting of a spiritualistic circle that met at the house shortly after the noises were first heard. Wellcome said the meeting was held by outsiders who had become interested in the case. He had nothing to do with them, he said.

BEECH STREET FAMILY IS TERRIFIED BY RAPPINGS

Burglars or something even more unwelcome?

Inspectors Spaugh and Powell encountered something mysterious late Sunday night when they answered a call to the home of G. E. Kallstedt, No. 167 Beech street, where a series of loud rapping noises had been heard on the lower floor shortly after the family went up stairs to bed. No burglars or trace of human intruders could be found.

Several persons had heard the thuds. Powell and Spaugh searched each room carefully. In one room they found something on the floor.

"What," Powell began, but dodged quickly when Spaugh yelled at him. Another piece of plaster falling from the ceiling almost got him on the head.

Albany Man Takes Place at Roseburg

Albany, Or., April 3.—Following his resignation as captain of the Fifth company, C. A. C., Captain Clarence Collins of Albany left Saturday night for Roseburg, where he will take charge of a branch agency for the Day Motor company of Albany, of which he is a member. Captain Collins is a veteran of the World War. Arthur McChesney, former first lieutenant of the company, was elected to the vacant captaincy. Sergeant Leonard L. McGee was recommended by Captain Collins, prior to his departure, for appointment as second lieutenant in the place of Louis A. Jones, who died two weeks ago.

DADDIES' CLUB MEETING

The Daddies club will hold its regular meeting tonight at No. 125 Fourth street. As the club now meets only once a month officers have asked for a good attendance.

Boy Scout Duties Are Set Forth in Special Pamphlet

The Portland council of Boy Scouts has prepared a pamphlet setting forth the duties of the troop committee, which is attracting wide attention, requests for copies of the pamphlet having been received from the Scout executives and regional executives of all the large cities west of Colorado. Never before has a schedule for committeemen been worked out either by the national organization or by a local troop, which so completely seems to fill the need.

Each troop of Scouts has a committee of from three to five citizens to sponsor and assist it in its activities. Every city has problems peculiar to its own development of the Scout movement, but the following definite duties have been worked out as being those in which the troop committee may be most helpful: Comitteeman One—Relation to the community, leadership, meeting place, daily good turns, community service, publicity, parents. Committeeman Two — Troop personnel and equipment, insignia, investiture, troop property, troop inspections, records, finances. Committeeman Three—Appeal to the boy, instruction, passing tests, camping, hikes, physical development, games, contests.

BRYAN IS HECKLED BY EVOLUTIONISTS

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instead of hypothesis, that it was unsupported by facts and that it has destroyed religion and made the Bible only a "scrap of paper."

"If you believe in evolution you can't believe the Bible," Bryan asserted. "You must give up a belief in a personal God. You must lose your sense of responsibility toward God. You must surrender the boon of prayer; for to pray you must believe that God lives and is near enough to hear and is willing to answer.

"Theistic evolutionists insist that they magnify God when they credit him with devising evolution as a plan of development. They sometimes characterize the Bible God as a "carpenter God' who is described as repairing his work from time to time at man's request.

CHALLENGES SCIENTISTS

"The question is not whether God could have made the world according to the plan of evolution—of course an all-powerful God could make the world as he pleased. The real question is did God use evolution as his plan. If it could be shown that man, instead of being made in the image of God is a development of beasts, we would have to accept it, for truth is truth. But I challenge any scientist to show me out of a million species during the last 60 years, and definite proof that such is the fact."

Bryan repeatedly resorted to his famous knack of phrasing for effect, choosing homely and readily understood figures of speech to illustrate his point.

"I'd rather know the Rock of Ages" than the age of rocks," he said, after affirming that "the only science worth anything is the science of how to live nobly and well. That science is taught in the Bible."

DOESN'T LIKE APE

Again, "I cannot see why any evolutionist should be proud to think he came from an ape," Bryan stated. "I would prefer to think I came from mud and shall return to it when I die."

"If the evolutionist is so sure of the effect of environment on the development of species how does he explain the existence of the onion." Bryan wanted to know. "Surely the onion makes its own environment."

It was when Bryan urged the expulsion from public schools and colleges of professors who taught evolution that the hecklers hurled their questions at him.

"If God is personal is he masculine or feminine?" one queried. To which Bryan answered, clapping his hands and indicating the audience with a wide sweep of his arms, "These friends of mine want me to discuss their God. If you want to teach divine sex you'll have to hire your own hall."

Legion Post Will Meet This Evening

Portland Post, American Legion, will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 8 in the club rooms, second floor of the Hibernian bank building, Fourth and Washington streets. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday when post officials were notified that Marshal Joffre would be in Portland today. With the Joffre meeting arranged for Tuesday night the post session will be held on the usual date. Commander James J. Crossley will preside.

Kelly Butte Rock Valued at $6873

Sheriff T. M. Hurlburt had a budget of $3418 in March for the operation of the Kelly Butte rock crusher and during the month rock valued at $6873 was prepared for the market, according to a report submitted to the county commissioners today.

J. R. THIEHOFF OF PORTLAND IN RACE FOR SERVICE BODY

Salem, April 3.—With a slogan, "Regulate public utilities in public's interest, not the public in utilities' interest," J. R. Thiehoff of Portland today filed with Secretary of State Koser his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of public service commissioner.

In his platform Thiehoff promises to "use the experience I have gained during 24 years actively in transportation service to determine whether public utilities are properly serving and protecting the public."

"Public utilities corporations are entitled to a fair return on their invested capital," Thiehof declares, "but the public itself should come first every time. I shall obey the act creating the commission providing that 'whenever the commission shall believe that any rate or charge may be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or that any service is inadequate and that an investigation relating thereto should be made, it may on its own motion investigate the same.'"

DUNCAN SEEKS OFFICE

Robert G. Duncan of Portland, seeking the Democratic nomination for congress from the Third district, in his declaration, filed here this morning, promises that "with the help of God" he will "preserve the rights of man, restore government to the common people, make all men equal before the law and check monopolistic rapacity."

"I solemnly pledge myself never to lend my talents or office to any clique, faction, coterie or cluster of interests," Duncan's platform reads. "I will advocate laws taking the federal reserve bank out of private control and the operation of telephone and telegraph lines by the government. I will oppose the spread of big business and demand an equitable division of profits with laborer, farmer and mechanic."

"Unalterably opposed to autocracy, will strive to restore government to the people," is his slogan.

MYERS ENTERS RACE

W. P. Myers of Bend today filed his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of circuit judge for the eighteenth judicial district, comprising the counties of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson. In his slogan Myers promises "impartial trials to all; economize time and expense of jurors and witnesses."

Philip Hammond of Oregon City is formally in the race for return to the lower house of the state legislature. His platform pledges him to a reduction of taxes and appropriations, abolishment and consolidation of numerous state boards and committees and opposition to Oriental land control.

Churchill Upholds Deposed Head of Bend High School

Salem, April 3.—Mark A. Paulson, former principal of the Bend high school, was not guilty of insubordination, on which charge he was dismissed from the school, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

In overruling the action of the county superintendent of schools for Deschutes county in sustaining an order of dismissal by the Bend school board, Churchill, in an opinion handed down this morning, declares that the evidence in the case does not sustain the charges filed against Paulson.

Paulson was dismissed when he failed to comply with an order of the city superintendent of schools regarding the employment of an athletic coach.

Paulson's home is at Silverton, where he is practicing law. He said he contemplates no action against the school board of Bend, other than pressing his claim for his salary for this year, which has already been presented. Should this claim be rejected, it is pointed out, he has recourse to the courts. Paulson said he will go to Bend this week but did not state whether he would seek reinstatement to his former position.

Evans Fails Again in Attempt to End Life

Salem, April 3.—Abe Evans of Wasco county, condemned slayer of James Doran, made another unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction Sunday. Plugging the lock of his cell door, Evans made a rope from his bed blanket, threw it over an iron pipe in the cell, slipped the noose around his neck and jumped from a chair. Deputy Warden Lewis, who was at the cell door waiting for a hacksaw with which to saw off the plugged lock, seized a hammer, smashed the lock and cut Evans down. This is Evans' first attempt at suicide since his return from the state hospital for the insane, where he was kept for a time for observation as to his sanity.

WELL-KNOWN PORTLAND BUSINESS MAN DIES

George G. Wolfe

GEORGE G. WOLFE DIES; ILL ONE WEEK

George G. Wolfe, age 28 years, secretary-superintendent of Lipman, Wolfe & Co., died Sunday afternoon at his home, No. 189 King street, as the result of septic sore throat, with which he has been ill since Monday night. His condition was first believed to be serious Wednesday and his death Sunday followed a 24 hour period of unconsciousness.

He was the son of Adolphe Wolfe, president-treasurer of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. He was born in Portland, where he was reared and educated in the Portland academy. Later he attended school at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan. He returned to Portland in 1916 and entered the company with his father.

When the war broke out he enlisted as a private, going to Camp Lewis, Wash., in 1917. Later he was transferred to Camp Freemont and then to the Presidio, where he was serving with the quartermaster's department when the war closed. He had risen from the rank of a private to first lieutenant in the period of his service.

Mr. Wolfe was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Elks lodge and the American Legion.

He is survived by his father and a sister, Mrs. J. Ettelson, both of whom reside at the family residence, No. 189 King street.

Mrs. Edwin Neustadter, who died about three years ago, was a sister of Mr. Wolfe.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the residence. Dr. Jonah B. Wise will officiate. The store of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. will be closed Tuesday until noon.

Husband Ends Life While Wife Is Away

Boise, Idaho, April 3.—Mrs. Loren Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lamson of Nampa, was summoned from that city to Astoria, Or., Sunday night by a telegram from the county coroner announcing the suicide of her husband, Loren Scott, by hanging. Mrs. Scott, whose home has been in Portland since her marriage in 1916, had been visiting her parents in Nampa for some time. Letters from her husband gave no hint that he contemplated taking his life. His wife and three small children survive.

PASTORS OPPOSE SPORTING EVENTS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Use of Memorial day as a day for sports and picnics was condemned by the Portland Ministerial association this morning at its monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. The action was taken at the request of the Salem Ministerial union, which has condemned the sporting events scheduled for May 30 at the state fair grounds. The Portland ministers took the general action in support of their Salem brethren, as they were not advised concerning the nature of the Salem event.

The resolution was made by the Rev. E. A. Smith, pastor of the Lents Baptist church and a Spanish-American war veteran, who declared that Memorial day ought to be perpetuated for the memory not only of Civil war veterans, but also for the young men who gave their lives during the recent World war. The vote was unanimous.

The coal strike situation was outlined to the clergy by Samuel Z. Batten of Philadelphia, secretary of the social service committee of the Northern Baptist convention and a member of the social service commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Batten, who took the side of the miners, said that the labor situation would never be satisfactorily settled by capital and labor itself. He declared that the churches would have to appoint fair-minded men to sit with representatives of both sides before a real settlement would be effected.

The association also indorsed the united gospel crusade which is being conducted in the Methodist tabernacle by Dr. George Wood Anderson, and pledged itself to attend as many of the services as possible.

Ralph W. Hoyt, county commissioner and local musician, asked to have the choirs of the city vested. His request was referred to the executive committee.

The proposed W. C. T. U. Orphan Home was explained by Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh and the Rev. Daniel Bryant.

POLITICS TRAMPLE CIVIL SERVICE RULE

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ternal revenue service and the customs service, the prohibition enforcement staff and other bureaus, which like that of engraving and printing come under the treasury department, are to be the vistims of a political housecleaning. Secretary Andrew Mellon loathes politics. He has declined to interfere with what has seemed to him an efficient personnel. Mr. Harding could not persuade Mr. Mellon to take a deep interest in party patronage. So Elmer Dover, regional director for the Republican party on the Pacific Coast and one of the leading Republicans of the state of Washington, consented to become assistant secretary of the treasury and has been conducting a relentless fight against Democrats still in office.

In this he has the hearty sympathy of Republican members of congress, who are not overly fond of Secretary Mellon anyway, first because of his differences with congress over taxation, and second because of his pronounced opposition to the bonus bill. Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue bureau is already at odds with Dover over the matter of appointments. It will be remembered that the internal revenue service practically grew up under the Wilson administration, due to the heavy work of tax collection, and Blair is naturally unwilling to let go of experienced men when the responsibility for efficiency of the bureau is upon his shoulders.

But it is the upheaval in the bureau of printing and engraving which has for the moment focused everybody's attention on the drive being made to abolish the politically obnoxious phases of the civil service system. So far as is known, President Harding's order summarily dismissing the 25 men in the engraving bureau is unprecedented. Senator Caraway of Arkansas says it is plainly illegal, and when it was pointed out to him that Mr. Harding had not acted until Attorney General Daugherty had declared the step was within the president's authority, Mr. Caraway said:

"The attorney general is a political associate of the president and would probably tell him it was all right to suspend the constitution if he desired to do so."

Members of congress are curious to know what led the president to dismiss so many men in the bureau of printing and engraving and Mr. Caraway's resolution demanding an investigation will probably draw forth some further statements from the administration.

DEPLORES SECRET INQUIRY

"If anybody in the government service has been guilty of inefficiency or corruption they should have been dismissed," said Senator Caraway today, "but no man ought to be deprived of an honest living through secret investigation and without being given an opportunity to learn what the charges are against him and who his accusers are."

The statutes have been brought into the controversy, for it is contended by the federal employes' union that Mr. Harding ignored a fundamental law. Here is the statute:

"No person within the classified service of the United States shall be removed therefrom except for such causes as will promote the efficiency of said service and for reasons given in writing, and the person whose removal is sought shall have notice of the charges against him and be furnished with a copy thereof and also be allowed a reasonable time to answer the same in writing and to file affidavits in support thereof."

The reason given publicly by the administration is inefficiency and the interest of the service. A test case may develop in the courts to discover what the rights of a government employe really are as against an executive order of the president. It is true that a presidential order supersedes most everything and that a chief executive has the right to appoint persons to positions inside the civil service without examination and he has the right to abolish jobs which were previously covered by civil service. The president's technical right to take both steps at once—abolishing positions and appointing new men to vacancies by executive order is admitted by most of the government lawyers.

SYSTEM HANGS ON WHIM

But there is considerable doubt as to whether a president has the right of removal without furnishing evidence of the charges existing against a government employe. If he has, the whole civil service system, it is contended, rests wholly on the whim of a president. The tendency in congress recently has been in the direction of abolishing civil service requirements wherever it was possible to do so. The postoffice laws have been changed so as to enable the government to choose any one of the first three who pass the examinations, thus permitting the president to ignore the highest man if he is a Democrat or even a Republican without political influence, and the house of representatives has just authorized the appointment of 100 additional postoffice inspectors. In the last 10 years not more than 35 have been asked for and the charge is made by the Democrats that the increased force of inspectors is to be used to hound Democratic postmasters and get rid of them on inefficiency evidence developed by the inspectors. The quarrel over the prohibition staff and civil service requirements is still at its height. Altogether the civil service system is fighting feebly for its life.

DISMISSED MEN CALL TO SEE HARDING, BUT HE'S AT GOLF

Washington, April 3.—(I. N. S.)—James D. Wilmeth, deposed director of the government bureau of engraving and printing, and 17 of the divisional chiefs summarily discharged at the same time called at the White House this afternoon to see President Harding and demand justice, they said.

President Harding was golfing when the discharged employes arrived and they left declaring they would return later in the day.

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