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UNCLE SAM'S PAYROLL

(By Scott C. Bone)

A year and a half after the armistice the War Department carries on its payrolls 200,000 civilian employees.

The Navy Department still carries a civilian roll of 104,000, which exceeds the number of officers and men belonging to the American Navy.

According to the latest estimate, the grand total of employees of the government is 759,870.

In Washington, the capital of the nation, 102,126 civilians are still drawing pay from Uncle Sam, as against 39,000 when war was declared in 1917.

And in the face of all this, with the departments so congested with employees that they are in each other's way, the Postmaster General recently increased his force largely.

Even the Civil Service Commission is unable to furnish accurate figures touching the civil list and frankly admits it. Yet the country is told through official publicity channels of the government that the gigantic war machine, which is costing the taxpayers so dearly, is being reduced.

The Department heads, instead of recognizing the need of curtailment and the putting on of brakes, without exception are submitting estimates which call for increased appropriations. But Congress—a Republican Congress—is pruning these estimates by the millions and forcing a reduction of the civilian roll by reducing the appropriations.

Representative Siegel, who presented a startling array of figures to the House, said:

"No official in a supervising capacity in any Department has come forward with any real action showing that he has endeavored to reduce the force under him and to attain the high standard of efficiency the government should have at all times. Officials do not seem to realize that economy in government is imperative. Our burden of taxation is out of reason. Investigations show the urgent need of a real up-to-date budget system.

While there are far too many government employees the average employee is underpaid and many have lost their enthusiasm for government work. On the other hand there are many who render most efficient service on less than a living wage. The departments need new chiefs who will determine to keep those who are efficient and necessary and discharge without delay those who can be spared and are inefficient.

"This will not come until there is a change in the administration."

(Mr. Bone, who writes the above, is one of the owners and editors of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Just now he is at the head of the publicity department of the Republican National Committee. What this country needs, more than anything else, is a clean slate at Washington; a business administration, from the President down to the charwomen who clean out the offices. If the business of the government were conducted on the lines of one of the great corporations, a third as many employees would be doing all the work with three times the present efficiency; and if the same kind of business efficiency could be had at the hands of Congress, there would be a budget system; the tariff laws would be amended a schedule at a time or an item at a time, under the direction of the Collectors and Appraisers of the country, and there would be no necessity for any of the hampering exactions imposed now in the way of internal revenue taxes.—Ed.)

Mrs. Lord is eminently correct in her desire to see Oregon lead instead of lag or tag behind in the flax industry. It is humiliating to see Canada, comparatively so poorly fitted to lead in the industry, forging ahead, with Oregon, fitted in every way for leadership, limping along so far behind. It will not be always so; it will not be so for very long—for manufacturing is bound finally to follow the lines of least resistance; to make use of the natural advantages. We can raise the best fiber flax in the world here; we have the soft water for its treatment; the air free from electricity for its spinning; the "white coal" to run the machinery—everything that combine to elect this section to the world premiership in the flax industry; and to make Salem its center.

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Railroad brotherhoods in Poland are asking for less pay. No wonder Kosciuszko fell and also shrieked.

Up in the Dakotas, too, they appear to have had "Too Much Johnson." However, the great Johnson family is all right, with the exception of Hiram.

Moving picture crowds who have been on location in the desert country report that there are not near as many mirages to be seen in that section since national prohibition went into effect.—Los Angeles Times.

It has been figured out that at the end of the next two years the United States will have a navy equal to that of the British empire. That ought to be glory enough for the average American.

Wanted, an organizer who will come to Salem, or rise up in Salem, and put the flax industry on the map here; one who will make this district lead, instead of lag and tag behind.

The press of France is a unit in denouncing President Wilson for his statement that their nation was in the hands of the militarists. It would seem that our noble president got that reception in Paris just in time.

Bainbridge Colby has finally been confirmed as secretary of state and, profiting by the mistakes of Mr. Lansing, who fondly imagined that a secretary of state had something to do, will confine himself to signing passports. It is not a hard job.

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though likely to get monotonous at times. But under the Wilson regime that is really all that is needed of a secretary of state.

Didn't see a thing of a member of the Hohenzollern family in the latest trouble in Berlin. They stood behind the curtain to see how it would all come out. This family caution, fully consistent with the flight of the kaiser and princes with the German collapse, may serve Germany well.

President Wilson tells congress that the United States controls the American troops doing guard duty in Germany; not General Foch or anybody else; that General Allen, in command of those forces, has full power, and his only superior is the president of the United States. For once, Woodrow Wilson departs from his usual watchful waiting policy and shows the true American spirit.

Many readers found out a lot of new things about the broccoli industry, in the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman of yesterday. The industry must be pushed to the limit. An industry that pays better than prunes, and one in which this section has as good as a franchise, ought not to be allowed to stop short of its full development.

PAYING AND PLAYING.

When a candidate fails at the ballot box his first impulse is to charge it to the lavish and debauching use of money on the part of his successful rival. Of course, the candidate has to use some money—that is essential for legitimate campaign purposes, but the contemptible rival simply dumped it out of buckets and corrupted the whole citizenship. The inference is that if any man spends money enough he can win at the polls, no matter what kind of a skater he is.

Senator Borah has been making a vocal disturbance over the money expended in the campaign of General Wood.

Now Senator Johnson's supporters are alleging that somebody must have spent half a million dollars on behalf of Governor Lowden in South Dakota alone. The allegation is based on the fact that Lowden received more votes than Johnson in the primary election. That can only be explained by the use of money. Of course, no money was spent for Johnson. He relies on the unselfish devotion of the people, but sometimes when the rustle of a five-dollar bill is heard in the brush some of the plain people may be lured from their moorings.

That must have been what happened in South Dakota.

But it was mighty careless for either Lowden or Wood to blow half a million dollars on a little Dakota primary. If there was a presidential primary in every state it would cost about forty million for the candidate to go through the primary alone, for most of the states are more populous than South Dakota. If there should happen to be five candidates running abreast, that would mean \$200,000,000 for a mere showdown in a preference primary. Of course, it would take twice as much for the successful candidate in the regular election.

And this would be for one party alone.

Come to figure in the Democratic, Socialist, Prohibition, Labor and a few other parties and it would count up to a billion dollars or so. Anyhow, it would be all the money that there is in circulation today.

The election would keep it circulating, all right.

But Johnson says he isn't going to

FUTURE DATES.

April 2, Friday—North Salem Improvement association regular meeting at 8 p. m. Highland school.

April 3, Saturday—Triangular debate, Willamette university, McMinnville college and Pacific university.

April 4, Sunday—Easter.

April 7, Wednesday—Library lecture recital, "American Music," by Willamette university school of music, Public Library.

April 18, Sunday—(Tentative) Blossom day in Salem.

April 11, Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Moosejaw.

April 17, Saturday—Debate between Willamette university and College of Puget Sound.

April 20, Tuesday—Registration for voters closes.

April 21, Wednesday—Willamette Glee club concert at Grand Opera house.

April 23, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Pacific university.

April 30, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and McMinnville college.

May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.

April 30 and May 1—"Awakening of Spring" pleasant Opera House, hospital benefit.

May 11, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.

May 14 and 15—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.

May 23, Wednesday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.

June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.

June 19 and 20—National gypsy-tour motorcycle events in Salem.

July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.

June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.

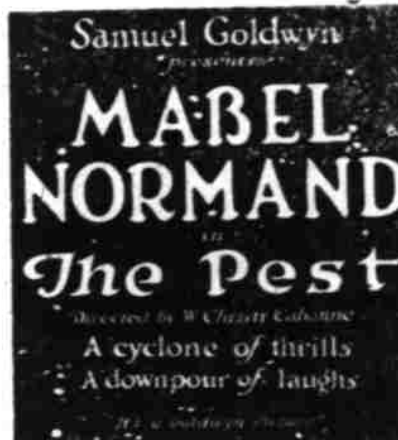
June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem festival.

June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.

July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.

September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

TODAY



Mr. and Mrs. Carter DeHaven

Comedy.

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blow in forty million dollars. That is the weak point in the chain and spoils the average. However, he is campaigning in a dozen states and maintaining several organizations and committees. We are to understand that this is all a labor of love. Rats! The people of California who know Hiram best, give the idea the horse-laugh.

Hiram's political machine in that state is the greatest steam roller affair that ever came down the pike.

DON'T SPARE THE ROD.

(Los Angeles Times.)

Los Angeles contains more writers on motion picture subjects than any other city in the world. They, together with the noble—or ignoble, whichever you like—army of press agents on other subjects, make up a population large enough for a city of the sixth class. They dilute on all sorts of subjects, from how much actresses weigh in the buff to the next to the real reason why some stars want divorces. Some of them are gifted word jugglers, while others are weak on construction and lamentably wanting in originality. A Boston bee has just stung them and, in case they have not yet felt the sting, it is reproduced here. A writer in the Living Age says:

"There has been very little criticism in America of the 'movies' as creations of the imagination. Sickened by the violence, the vulgarity, the glucose sentimentality, the trained critic has fled the 'movies' like a pestilence, leaving the field of criticism to professional penny-a-liners prepared to write the kind of nonsense which is the journalistic order of the day. And thus America, the land of the film, is left with little genuine criticism, so much needed."

It is easy to write this knock-down kind of attack, and it is cheap to talk about "penny-a-liners." There is, however, enough truth in the Bostonian's remarks to make one hope that the critics will handle motion picture plays with less sugared words than they have been disposed to use. If they would more often give expression to their real sentiments instead of trying to hide them better motion picture plays might be produced.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Were you April fooled

This is Good Friday.

Yes, Ruth, the United States will some sweet day declare a closed season against the shooting of Americans in Mexico.

Some one remarks that the railroads returned from the war with a lot of wound stripes. But they will get over it.

A lot of Salem men are going to try broccoli in their home gardens, since reading The Statesman of yesterday.

They will be helping in the development of a great Oregon industry, while helping themselves.

Rags are royal raiment for those who haven't the price of a new suit of clothes.

The Salem Commercial club might advertise for a man who knows how to organize the flax industry.

Once more: The way to get all the new houses needed in Salem is to buy shares in the local building and loan association. This will do the trick, with home money, and all of it safely employed, and at a profit.

Leonard Is Prophetic

Name of Salem Baby

Woodrow Davis is the name of a Salem youngster of 15 months and his younger brother, just arrived, prophetically has been named Leonard. The attending physician, whose politics can't be questioned, is responsible for the latter name. When the birth certificate came to the blank for insertion of the name the mother was stalled. She hadn't decided on a name.

"His brother was named Woodrow for the president that is, why not name him Leonard for the president that is to be?" suggested the doctor. The mother was pleased with the idea and he was named Leonard.



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