

LIGHT THROWN ON DISMISSALS BY PRESIDENT

Reorganization of Bureau of Engraving and Printing Resolved Upon for Sake of Efficiency.

WILMITH SEEKS TO CONFER WITH HARDING

No Charges Against Any of Discharged Officials are Looked For

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Reorganization of the bureau of engraving and printing through the executive order issued last Friday by President Harding removing James L. Wilmoth, its director, and 28 other officials, was explained today on the grounds of "efficiency" by Secretary Mellon. No charges involving the honesty of any of the dismissed bureau officials have been filed, the treasury secretary stated.

Mr. Mellon's explanation of the sweeping changes made in the administration personnel of the bureau was the first official light thrown upon the president's action since the announcement of the order at the White House.

Meanwhile speculation has been rife in official circles over the sudden removal of the officials and resolutions were introduced in both the senate and house today seeking to elicit further information from the president.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, introduced a resolution calling upon President Harding to inform the senate, if compatible with public interest, as to the causes for the action taken in the bureau and under what authority of law the changes were made. Representative Moore, Democrat, Virginia, at the same time introduced a resolution for the appointment of a special house committee to investigate the charges.

Dismissed Men Perplexed

Efforts to obtain a presidential explanation for their dismissal were made by Mr. Wilmoth and a delegation of former bureau officials who called at the White House but without appointment and therefore failed to see the president, who was golfing. They left a memorandum stating the object of their visit and indicated they would return any time Mr. Harding would see them, declaring they wanted to know why they were discharged and to have the opportunity of meeting any charges which might have been made and knowing who preferred them. They asserted they were at a complete loss to know why they were discharged.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Wadsworth, Mr. Mellon said, made a number of investigations of the bureau, as did other treasury officials, while director of the budget Daves brought A. R. Barnes on from Chicago to look into the efficiency of the output

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DISPUTES ENDED BY DICTIONARIES

In case of doubt concerning the meaning of a word, the dictionary is the court of appeal to which the average individual must resort. When Dr. Johnson compiled his celebrated dictionary, offered to the public in 1755, it represented a movement initiated by Swift, Addison, Pope and other noted English writers of that period to compose a dictionary that would fix forever and unalterably the English language in one perfect form. But the lapse of years has demonstrated that fashions in words change with the times and that a dictionary to be authoritative and accurate must be up to date.

A popular demand for such a work has been answered by the offer this paper is making to its readers of The New Universities Dictionary in which thousands of words not found in any other dictionary are fully defined. Many of these words have been brought into general and proper use by the great strides made in science, business, religion, and the various arts. Specialized activities, such as aviation, golf, baseball and other forms of sports have also given currency to many new terms and definitions of which will be found in one or the other of the twenty-two supplementary dictionaries that have been incorporated in The New Universities Dictionary.

WOMAN SAYS SHE POISONED HUGH PLUMLEY

BREMERTON, Wash., April 3.—Mrs. Hugh C. Plumley confessed today, police announced, that she had poisoned the salad she gave her husband, Hugh C. Plumley last week. Plumley died as he was on the street, a few moments later.

His death was believed to be a disability he contracted during the war.

According to officers, Mrs. Plumley declared she had been induced to kill her husband by another man whose name was not made public. A warrant for the man's arrest was immediately issued.

Plumley who was 28 years old leaves a brother, John Plumley, living in Seattle.

BREMERTON, Wash., April 3.—Lyal Wood, who was arrested here late today in connection with the death of Hugh C. Plumley, who died here late Wednesday after, it was alleged, he had been poisoned by his wife, Mrs. Mary Plumley, was released tonight and all charges against him were dropped by order of Ray K. Greenwood, prosecuting attorney of Kitsap county, according to an announcement made by Greenwood.

Wood was arrested after Mrs. Plumley was alleged to have implicated him in the confession which police declared they obtained from her today. After questioning Wood, who is a garage man with a wife and two children, Greenwood stated that there was no justification for holding him. Mrs. Plumley is still held by the Bremerton authorities.

Mrs. Edward M. Weller Dies at Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Edward M. Weller died in Oakland, Calif., Sunday night. She had gone south with slightly improved health but has been much worse during the last month. Mr. Weller has been with her in Oakland for the last month. Mrs. E. H. Huelat, Mrs. Weller's mother, has been with her daughter all of the time since she went south.

Mrs. Weller is survived by her husband, of Weller brothers grocery, her mother, Mrs. Huelat, two sisters, Mrs. William Morris of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. J. W. Bleckford of Portland, an aunt, Mrs. George H. Burnett and numerous other relatives in this vicinity.

The remains will arrive on the Shasta Limited Wednesday evening and the funeral will be held from St. Paul's Episcopal church Thursday afternoon. Rev. R. D. Chambers will be in charge.

Senator Stanfield is Home on Business Trip

PORTLAND, Or., April 3.—Robert N. Stanfield, junior United States senator from Oregon, arrived tonight from Washington, D. C., to spend some time in the state. Senator Stanfield said he was here to give attention to his personal business affairs and to get in touch with farmers with a view to prosecuting the campaign at Washington for their more liberal treatment under the farm loan act.

MEASURE TO OUST SERVICE BOARD IS FILED WITH KOZER

A proposed constitutional amendment providing for an early termination of the tenure of the present members of the public service commission and thereafter the appointment of the commissioners by the governor, but still subject to recall, was filed late yesterday with the secretary of state by Phil Metschan and other representatives of the State Hotel Men's association.

The measure is proposed to go on the ballot at the general election in November. Secretary of State Kozer has referred it to the attorney general for ballot title.

It is provided in the measure that immediately upon its becoming effective by proclamation of the governor, the executive shall appoint the successors of the commissioners then holding, including the person elected to succeed Fred A. Williams this year. The appointments by the governor would be for four years, or until

SMALL WANTS WOMEN TO SIT IN HIS TRIAL

Illinois Governor Attacks Legality of Jury Panel in Embezzlement Case Against Him.

ATTORNEYS FOR STATE UTTERLY SURPRISED

Court House at Waukegan Not Prepared to Lodge Females in Dormitory

WAUKEGAN, Ill., April 3.—(By The Associated Press)—Governor Len Small wants women to sit on the jury which will try him here on charges of having conspired with Fred E. Sterling, lieutenant governor, and Vernon Curtis, a Grant Park banker, to embezzle state funds.

Today the governor attacked the legality of the jury panel because the Lake county board of supervisors had failed to include the names of women voters in it.

Attorneys Surprised

Taken by surprise attorneys for the state obtained 48 hours delay to prepare the answer.

Attorneys for the governor read an affidavit signed by him asserting that the board of supervisors had failed to comply with the legal requirement that names of 10 per cent of the qualified voters be placed in the jury box and had, in fact, listed only 10 per cent of the male voters, ignoring the women.

Decisions Cited.

Warner Schroeder of the defense counsel, declared that even though it should be held that women may not sit on the jury the supervisors should have complied a venire based on the total number of votes cast by both men and women. He cited a long list of court decisions in other states in support of the contention that women may serve on the juries.

Should the governor's contention be upheld by Judge Claire C. Edwards and women seated, the Lake county courthouse may have to be remodeled before the trial can be held.

Privacy Not Provided

The court house has one large dormitory with 12 single beds for jurors, and, as Illinois law forbids separation of jurors, some arrangement would have to be made to furnish privacy for the women jurors.

Judge Edwards has already said that the jury will be confined throughout the trial, which is expected to last anywhere from three to five months.

HAY SOLD

BEND, Or., April 3.—That the Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers' association has marketed 20,000 tons of hay during the winter just ended was the state ment here today of L. A. Hunt, manager. He said that only 150 tons of hay remained unsold in Deschutes county.

Reclamation Emphasized in Sinnott's Platform

N. J. Sinnott, Oregon's representative in congress for the second district, and who points out in his campaign slogan that for 10 years he has been a member of the public lands and irrigation committees, Saturday filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for renomination by the Republican party.

"Continue my efforts to secure the reclamation of the arid lands and the full development of the other resources of my district and state," says his platform. "Will advocate and support a tariff to protect American products and labor against ruinous foreign competition; national aid for good roads; improved rural mail service. Just recognition of the personal and financial sacrifice of those who served in the World war; legislation in the interest of agriculture and the livestock industry; national economy and reduction of taxation by elimination of unnecessary expenditures."

O. S. Hauge Dies at Home Near Silverton

SILVERTON, Or., April 3.—(Special to The Statesman)—O. S. Hauge died at his home one mile south of Silverton Sunday morning at about 7 o'clock after an illness of several months. The funeral services are to be held from Trinity church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauge and children came to Silverton in 1905 and with the exception of two years spent at Portland Silverton has been their home since. Mr. Hauge leaves, besides Mrs. Hauge, four children, Henry Hauge of Portland, George Hauge and Mrs. Esther Weaver of Silverton and Mrs. Emma Reynolds of Boise, Idaho.

THE WEATHER

Rain; fresh southwesterly winds.

CAMP STRIKE OF NO AVAIL AT SILVERTON

SILVERTON, Or., April 3.—(Special to The Statesman)—One hundred men out of 170 walked out of the Silver Falls Timber company logging camps Saturday because of a reduction of wages which had been posted March 31 to take effect April 1.

Camp Manager Scharp phoned to Portland for a new crew. Seventy new men came to Silverton this morning. Some of the old men are returning and 30 more men are expected before tomorrow morning at which time the camps will again open up at full force. Mr. Scharp reports five feet of snow at camp.

Hay Rates too High, Complainants' Claim

Alleging that rates on hay shipments on railway lines in Oregon are unreasonable and exorbitant as compared with rates charged in the state of Washington, 10 different complainants in Oregon filed a complaint with the public service commission Saturday, demanding a reduction in the rates.

It is averred that the unjust rates exist between Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon points on the lines of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle company, the Northern Pacific and the Southern Pacific, all of which are made defendants.

The complainants are the Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers' association, C. S. McNaught & Co. of Hermiston, the Hermiston Commercial club, the Oregon State Farm bureau, the Deschutes County Farm bureau, the Bend Commercial club, the Stanfield Commercial club, the Tillamook Dairy association and the Columbia County Farm bureau.

Officer and Councilman Arrest S. P. Conductor

G. L. McConnell, conductor of a Southern Pacific freight train, was arrested late Saturday night by Officer George White and John B. Giesy, member of the police committee of the city council, for allowing his train to block traffic on State street. This is prohibited by Salem city ordinances. McConnell is to appear today.

It is said the train was stretched across State street on Twelfth for 33 minutes, compelling many pedestrians to go over couplings and persons in automobiles to drive around several blocks. The ordinances forbid any blocking of pedestrian traffic for any length of time.

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POPE SENDS MESSAGE

ROME, April 3.—Pope Pius today sent a telegram to Former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary at Funchal, extending his condolences over the death of the former emperor which took place there Saturday.

MARSHALL APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Edward C. Snyder, Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee, was nominated today by President Harding to be marshal of the District of Columbia.

PREMIER QUILTS

REGINA, Sask., April 3.—Premier W. M. Martin tonight placed his resignation in the hands of Lieutenant Governor Newlands.

EK WALL ELECTED

PORTLAND, Or., April 3.—W. A. Ekwall, attorney and former service man, was today elected by the city council to be municipal judge, succeeding Judge George Rossman, who has been elevated to the state circuit bench.

VIADUCT PLAN ASSAILED AT COUNCIL MEET

Highway Commission's Proposal to Build Crossing at North Entrance is Given Spanking.

VANDEVORT OPPOSES PLAN AS EXPENSIVE

Mayor and Aldermen Join in Lambastin' New Idea, Adopt Resolution

A resolution protesting the state highway commission's proposal to build a viaduct at the north highway entrance to Salem was adopted last night by Salem councilmen.

The resolution was introduced by Alderman F. L. Utter and was seconded by Alderman H. H. Vandevort. Alderman J. B. Giesy and Joseph Baumgartner also voiced support of the resolution although taking exception to certain attacks made upon the viaduct project.

The proposed overhead crossing was vigorously assailed by Alderman Thompson who labeled it an "Engineer's Dream."

Vandevort Opposes Expense

Alderman Vandevort said that the proposed union of the Silverton and Pacific highways was unnecessary and would entail an expenditure of more than \$100,000. The interest paid for this sum would more than provide for salaries of watchman at the dangerous grade crossing on the Pacific highway near Salem.

"It is an injustice that the highway commission should attempt to force the city to pay a share of this crossing when the crossing is outside of the city limits," said Alderman Utter.

"Only by moving the proposed route to a point within the city's borders has the highway commission been able to put up this plan."

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DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEME DOESN'T APPEAL TO FIRST 3 WHO WRITE ON SUBJECT

Salem and vicinity are not in favor of the daylight saving change in the clocks, suggested by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce for the Pacific coast states this summer, if the first three letters received on the subject are a reflection of the sentiment. All of the three writers are against the change.

The Statesman invites letters from the public on the subject.

Bosh! Bosh! Bosh!

"I want to tell you what I think of the daylight saving plan," writes Lewis Drager. It is bosh! bosh! That's what I call it. I have to get up at 4 in the morning as it is and if I had to get up at 3 it surely would kill me off. Bosh! bosh! bosh! is all it is. I'll die if it comes into action."

Proposal Called Foolish

George M. Grille writes:

"In regard to the question of setting our clocks ahead an hour so we can have more daylight I think it is the most foolish thing I ever heard of. If anyone wants more time to work, why not get up at 5 o'clock in the morning—then they can have 10 or 12 hours of daylight for work, the same as

Dunlap Against It

The change is too drastic, in the opinion of Frank J. Dunlap. He writes:

"In your issue of April 2 you solicit public opinion as to the value of the so-called daylight saving plan and the farmers reply that it is impracticable and undesirable.

"You can't change human nature in a few months and neither can you change a man's habits within a short time, yet this is what the daylight saving plan attempts to do and it is entailing a lot of inconvenience and needless change to do it.

Jolt to Much

"Every man has just so many hours that he works and about just so many hours that he sleeps and it takes an awful jolt to tear him away from his usual program. Cut an hour of his sleep in the morning and he will simply make it up at night by retiring earlier, for the average man's work holds

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DEFENSE TESTIMONY IS ELIMINATED IN ARBUCKLE'S TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The entire deposition of Dr. Samuel Seabury Graves of Chicago was excluded from the record of the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle today after a long argument between counsel. The jury was not present during the argument.

Dr. Graves' statement was held by the trial jurist, Judge Harold Louderback to be of no value by reason of the fact that the physician could not absolutely be certain that the woman whose first name was Virginia whom he treated about ten years ago was really Virginia Rappe, movie actress, for whose death Arbuckle is on trial. Dr. Graves thought the last name of his patient was Rappe, but he would not be sure. The defense had relied considerably on this evidence and battled hard to keep it in the record.

The court also abbreviated the admitted portion of the sworn statement of Dr. Paul Ralph Hirschman of 231 East Marquette road, Chicago. Only about 10 per cent of his original affidavit was allowed in evidence. In it he declared that he had met Miss Rappe when she lived in Chicago and had seen her double up with pain after taking several drinks.

Mrs. Helen Adeline Whitehurst of Chicago caused something

of a sensation today when she positively repudiated that portion of her deposition previously taken in which she was reputed to have stated that Miss Rappe had been seized with attacks at her home on several occasions. The defense declared that the affidavit must have been altered after she had sworn to it and passed to the jury for inspection. Mrs. Whitehurst had described attacks which Miss Rappe had suffered in Chicago cafes while in her company.

OFFICER ABBOT IS DROPPED FROM SALEM'S POLICE FORCE

Night Traffic Officer Irwin Abbott is no more with the Salem police department.

Sighs of relief will undoubtedly ascend from those who like to speed a bit when Salem streets are unpatrolled at night. During his brief stay here Officer Abbott arrested more traffic offenders than had been booked in Salem during the month preceding Abbott's appearance on the force, records show.

Officer Well Recommended

"Officer Abbott came to Salem with the high recommendations of Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland," said Chief of Police Moffitt, last night. "He was also recommended by the sheriff of Columbia county. He had a record for making bona-fide traffic arrests regardless of the violator's political or financial standing, and for this reason has incurred the enmity of many who could not talk him out of this attitude."

Abbott is not with the Salem police because members of the council objected to his presence on the force, it was disclosed at last night's council meeting. The objection was based on the technical claim that a city ordinance requires that an officer have three years' residence in the city.

"Officer Abbott was temporarily appointed and could have been hired for a period of time," Chief Moffitt told council members last night. "Abbott was willing to establish his residence here and his record shows that he was an able and conscientious officer."

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Iva Clare Love was chosen yesterday by the faculty as the third honor student to win a place on the graduation program. The honor was awarded on the basis of scholarship and character. Miss Love who is a very talented violinist will probably give a solo as her contribution to the program.

The complete graduation program is gradually taking form. Besides Miss Love, Arthur Montgomery and Ward Southworth will represent the graduating class on the program, Montgomery winning his position by scholastic standing and Southworth by the election of the class.

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MINERS' HEAD PAYS RESPECTS TO OPERATORS

Bituminous Workers Out to Remain Indefinitely, Depending on Tendency of Owners to Yield.

FEDERAL OWNERSHIP NOT YET DESIRED

Leader Says Bosses Want to Retain Big Prices Got-ten During War

STATUS OF COAL STRIKE

Both operators and miners stand firm in the country-wide strike which has closed more than 5,000 mines, leaving over 500,000 men idle.

Operators claim many non-union miners who were idle Saturday in observance of the anniversary of the eight-hour day have returned to work.

Both sides, however, agree that the strike is practically 100 per cent perfect in the great central competitive field of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Operators assert many pits are in operation in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Kansas operators agree to return to wage scale of May 1917, providing for \$3 a day instead of the \$7.50 named in the present agreement.

Union leaders claim victory for striking anthracite miners through offers of several independent companies to grant the miners' wage demands if the men return to work immediately.

President John L. Lewis of the miners tells house labor committee miners are prepared to "stay out indefinitely if need be, until the operators sign up a basic wage contract for the central competitive field."

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Discussing before the house labor committee today reasons why the 600,000 anthracite and bituminous coal miners stopped work last Saturday in the United States and Canada, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America and official leader of the strike, declared that the anthracite workers had gone out merely to await the result of a peaceful negotiation with their employers over a new wage scale.

The bituminous workers, however, were out indefinitely, if need be, to obtain the signing of a wage contract, he said.

Ultimatum Issued

The bituminous workers, Mr. Lewis declared before the committee which is considering the Bland resolution to direct appointment by the president of a commission to investigate the coal industry, are out "to stay indefinitely if need be, until the operators sign up a basic wage contract for the central competitive field."

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