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BURLESON SAYS P. O. EMPLOYEES CANNOT STRIKE

Postmaster General, in Annual Report, Asks Repeal of Legislation Permitting Postal Workers to Affiliate With Labor Union

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—A surplus of \$2,342,851 in postoffice operations for the fiscal year 1919 was announced in the annual report yesterday of Postmaster General Burleson. The figures are subject to some adjustment which would increase the surplus, Mr. Burleson said, adding that this was the sixth time in the seven years of the present postoffice administration that revenues had exceeded expenditures.

An aggregate surplus of more than \$15,000,000 as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$59,000,000 for the preceding seven-year period is shown in a appended table. "The cause of the change is immediately apparent," the report says of this comparison. "Whereas the revenues under this administration increased \$737,597,818, or at the rate of 59.68 per cent, compared with the seven-year period prior to the time it assumed office, the expenditures increased only \$643,335,795, or at the rate of 42.43 per cent. The difference between the increase in expenditures and the increase in revenues, less losses, equals the amount of the net change in favor of the public treasury."

Much of the criticism leveled at the department's financial policy, Mr. Burleson said, "was due to lack of complete and accurate information." Improvements made are summarized as follows:

"Inauguration of the air-mail service; establishment of the 'space system' in determining the compensation of railroads for carrying the mail; readjustment of railway mail service in the interest of both improvement and economy; readjustments of organizations in postoffices, methods of service, and distribution of supplies, on a basis of sound business principle; inauguration of rural and city motor vehicle service and village delivery service; extension of box and collection service and postage stamp, money order and registry facilities to patrons on star routes; improvements in the registry system, insured parcel post, and methods of handling dead letters; readjustment of rural delivery service, providing more equitable distribution of facilities to patrons already served and extensions of facilities to those citizens who had theretofore been denied any service at all; complete reorganization of the equipment and supply services through the extension of operation and economy of production, and the introduction of modern shop methods, equipment and appliances, effecting substantial savings and improvements in the service; the partial adjustment of the postage rates on second class mail matter, effecting a saving of \$15,000,000 annually; reduction of letter postage between the United States and several foreign countries; large extension of international parcel post, and the increase in weight and size of parcels permitted in the mails."

Mr. Burleson again asked repeal of legislation permitting affiliation of organizations of postal employees with labor organizations, "which sanction recourse to the strike or boycott to enforce their demands."

"I again call the attention of Congress to the impropriety of government owing allegiance to any organization which might stand between them and the government, and to the actual menace to governmental authority which is involved in such affiliation," Mr. Burleson said.

"The avowed purpose of labor organizations is not alone to advance the social and economic welfare of members of their order but to exercise a coercive influence upon the employer to compel submission to their demands. The strike and the

EMBASSY REPORTS JENKINS FREED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The American embassy at Mexico City today notified the U. S. State department that William O. Jenkins, consular agent, was released by the Mexican authorities last night. While the release serves in a way to relieve the tension officials explained that the Jenkins case is only an incident in the Mexican situation.

GERMANY REFUSES FINAL PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 5.—There was a persistent rumor on the Stock Exchange today that the supreme council of the peace conference had threatened Germany that unless the final peace terms are agreed to, Allied troops would occupy Essen and Frankfurt. Up to this time the market has been unaffected by the report.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Coercion is the only argument likely to make any impression upon Germany and induce them to sign the peace protocol according to today's newspapers. It is said that this conclusion was reached yesterday by the secret council of five, with Marshal Foch presiding.

COMPOSERS OF COAST ORGANIZE

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 5.—Music writers of the Pacific Coast are organizing a writers' and composers' publishing association, which is to be incorporated within a few weeks and which later hopes to establish a publishing concern for putting out the compositions of its members. It was announced here by J. Louis MacEvoy of this city.

It is hoped to establish such a print shop here during next year, Mr. MacEvoy said, and to publish an official music paper.

"Many music writers of the Pacific coast have achieved notable successes of late," Mr. MacEvoy stated. "Their commercial advancement has been limited only by the number of songs they have been able to get printed. Because of numerous printers' strikes it has been deemed wise to organize a publishing association."

The Elson Jazz Band is the name of a brass band organized by twenty-two girl students of the Oklahoma Baptist University.

boycott are weapons designed to be used in attack or in resistance. The Government of the United States is not to be attacked or resisted by any citizen of the land. Surely no such special privilege is reserved to those who, through the nature of their employment, are sworn to serve the government itself and owe it to the special allegiance of service duty.

"Whatever interest labor may claim in the products of its toil, it cannot be claimed for government employees that they acquire a larger interest or greater power in the government than that of other citizens, because of the character of their employment.

"Government employees should be permitted to organize for their social and general welfare, to appear before committees of congress, and to furnish information concerning the postal service of which they may have knowledge.

"The enforcement of the principle test that government employees should not hold an affiliation incompatible with their obligation to the public service cannot be distorted into a reflection upon the efficiency and loyalty of the postal employees, whose devotion to public duty under the trying test of war was conspicuously demonstrated. But the principle is one which cannot be disregarded.

MUSICAL STUDY CLUB CONCERT PLAN COMPLETE

Undaunted by the big responsibility they have shouldered, the Musical Study club of Klamath Falls, is relying upon the large number of persons in this community who have lamented the lack of cultural entertainment during the winter months in this city, to support them in their undertaking of giving a series of three concerts by some of the world's best known artists.

Plans for the concert are concluded, contracts signed, and season tickets will go on sale early next week at a number of local business houses.

Thirty leading business men of the community are voluntary patrons of the project and a thorough canvass of sentiment by the ladies of the Musical Study club indicates that popular support enough will be forthcoming to carry the plan through, although the most optimistic hope for a margin of profit.

In other words, this is not an undertaking for financial gain. The promoters will be fortunate if they escape financial loss, but, firm in the belief that this community has reached a stage where enough people are hungering for the highest class of stage productions, they are undertaking an unselfish experiment, which they hope, in view of pledges of support they have received, will prove a success.

The first concert of the series will present Alice Neilsen, the great lyric soprano, who first became famous on the comic opera stage in this country, and later in grand opera captivated London and the great cities of this country. Her wonderful role as "Mimi" in "La Boheme," with Caruso, has been applauded by thousands of the world's best judges of music. The famed soprano and her company will appear here on December 30.

Later—the definite date is not fixed—Ruth St. Denis and her nine concert dancers, with Ellis Rhodes, the noted tenor, will be presented. The St. Denis company comes some time in January. Miss St. Denis is known in this country and abroad as one of the foremost exponents of the dance as a means of interpretation of the music of the world's greatest composers—Beethoven, Chopin, Bach, Mozart, Grieg, and those of a modern day.

The final concert of the series will star Cecil Fanning, the great tenor, who has created a name for himself in the East. This is his second tour of the West. Last year he was enthusiastically received in San Francisco, and Klamath Falls should welcome the privilege of greeting him on his second visit to the coast.

Season tickets, on sale next week, will be priced at \$4 and \$5 each, depending on the location of seats. Each ticket has the war tax paid and carries reserve seat privileges.

Eleven young women are taking the law course at the University of Washington.

INVESTIGATOR SAYS CITY IS VICE CENTER

(Correspondence to Sacramento Bee)

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 3.—The affidavits of Edwin E. Grant, president of the State Law Enforcement and Protective league, upon which District Attorney Allen started Redlight Abatement act proceedings against alleged resorts in Dunsuir, Sisson and Weed, also charge that there has been inter-state trafficking in vice victims between Klamath county, Oregon, and Siskiyou county, California.

Grant in these affidavits pays particular attention to Klamath Falls, Oregon, picturing drunken orgies in redlight resorts there.

The investigator says he found one resort known as "The Tules" being operated by a woman named Flo Lee, and an underworld woman named Tesse, who had just returned from having undergone an operation at Dunsuir, California, also a woman named Cleo, a woman named Gladys and another woman called Boomer.

While these women were "reeling and skidding across the floor of the said Tules bawdy house, and rending the air with their shrieks and curses, and men sneaking in and out of the said bawdy house, under cover of darkness," Grant says he gathered evidence for submission to the Oregon authorities.

Grant also sets forth that he took the number of an automobile "standing in front of said notorious bawdy house in Klamath Falls, where the occupant of said automobile had gone for a debauch, and later found this same automobile in front of a respectable place in Klamath Falls, and that affiant saw the human leper who had debauched himself at the said segregated bawdy house, dash out of the said automobile and into a place where he deliberately began to associate himself with respectable women of Klamath Falls."

The affidavits also set forth that Grant visited a house on Spring street, Klamath Falls, and found a woman whom the taxi driver stated "that she knew how to get by and that she had gotten by in Dorris, California, running a bawdy house when other women could not."

Grant says investigations have "disclosed the fact that Dorris has been the principal debauching point in the state of California for the purpose of nullifying the Oregon state prohibition law prior to the going into effect of national prohibition."

"That affiant has information that great quantities of booze have been sent from Dorris, California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, and other Oregon points, and that women of the underworld from all over California have flocked to Dorris because it was the center of debauch to which Oregon booze guzzlers congregated to assist California criminals to nullify the laws of the state of Oregon."

National prohibition has closed many of the Dorris resorts.

The investigator tells of visiting a "green house off the state high-

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BANDITS RAID ON U. S. SOIL

HOUSTON, Dec. 5.—General J. F. Wolters, commanding Texas cavalry, today received advices of a raid by Mexican bandits on a store near the border, eleven miles south of Zapata. The information was that the owner was bound and the place looted, after which the bandits fled across the border into Mexico.

ZAPATA, Mexico, Dec. 5.—Mexican bandits last night raided the Clarno ranch on the American side of the Rio Grande, eleven miles south-east of here, escaping with all the provisions from the ranch store. The store keeper was bound and gagged.

EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS WILL BE HELD HERE DEC. 17

Teachers' examinations for state certificates will be held at Klamath county high school commencing Wednesday, December 17, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 20, 1919, at 4 p. m., as follows:

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. history, writing (penmanship), music, drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, reading, manual training, composition, domestic science, methods in reading, course of study for drawing, methods in arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography, mechanical drawing, domestic art, course of study for domestic art.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, geography, stenography, American literature, physics, typewriting, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography (spelling), physical geography, English literature, chemistry.

Friday Afternoon—School law, geometry, algebra, civil government.

Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General history, bookkeeping.

PUMPING PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Report has been received here of the destruction by fire early this week of a pumping plant near Keno, on the George Kerns ranch, owned jointly by Mr. Kerns, Hiram Murdock and H. H. Van Valkenburg. The loss will not be accurately estimated until it is known if there is any salvage on machinery. It was fixed by Mr. Kerns at \$8,000, without insurance. The fire started at 3 o'clock in the morning.

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Tonight and Saturday fair, colder tonight in east portion; moderate easterly winds.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ARE
FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT
LEIPZIG, Dec. 5.—The congress of independent socialists today unanimously adopted a program declaring for the soviet system in Germany.

PRESIDENT AND FALL IN CONFAB ON RESOLUTION

Chief Executive in Conference Today With Senator From New Mexico Who Offered Resolution Advocating Break With Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—President Wilson after hearing evidence submitted by Senator Fall that the Mexican ambassador and consuls had distributed radical propaganda in this country, reserved judgment until he could examine the evidence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Wilson will see Senators Fall and Hitchcock this afternoon to discuss the Mexican situation. Senator Fall has announced that immediately after the conference he would make public the evidence on which he bases his charges that the Mexican ambassador and consuls in the United States were circulating "red" propaganda. Fall and Hitchcock were named yesterday as a committee to call upon the President to discuss Fall's resolution relating to the severing of diplomatic relations with Mexico.

The resolution offered by Senator Fall, as chairman of a subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation, declared evidence had been found which "would astound the world." It also asked that the President withdraw recognition of the Carranza government.

Senator Fall boldly charged that the Mexican embassy, the consulate generals in New York and San Francisco and the consulates along the border with the knowledge and consent of President Carranza had been actively engaged in the spreading of bolshevist propaganda in the United States. Evidence, it was said, was coming to bear out the charge.

The Resolution
Senator Fall's resolution follows: "Resolved, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that the action taken by the department of state in reference to the pending controversy between the government and the government of Mexico should be approved; and further that the President of the United States be and he is hereby requested to withdraw from Venustiano Carranza the recognition heretofore accorded him by the United States as president of the Republic of Mexico, and to sever all diplomatic relations now existing between this government and the pretended government of Carranza."

By this resolution, which was sent to the senate foreign relations committee for consideration Thursday, the whole Mexican problem, admittedly grave in view of the refusal of the Carranza government to release Consular Agent Jenkins from the penitentiary at Puebla will be put before congress.

An early report on the Fall resolution is expected and this will put the question squarely before the senate, aroused to a high pitch by recent murders of Americans in Mexico and treatment of the American consular agent.

While Senator Fall has not indicated the exact nature of his evidence, it said he has obtained phonographic copies of correspondence which will show clearly secret operations of the Mexican president and his representatives in this country.

There also was introduced in the senate a resolution by Senator Ashurst, Arizona, authorizing the secretary of war to use the nation's force for protecting its people on their own side of the border. For eight years, Senator Ashurst said he had been waiting for the army to protect American rights along the border and he felt the time had come for action.

House seems war
In the house there was a flare up of the Mexican situation, Representative Caldwell, New York, declar-

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ONLY 17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

