## WASHINGTON NEWS

John E. Wilkie, supervising special the government service shortly, it agent of the customs service and for was learned in unofficiat quarters refourteen years chief of the United cently. Mr. Wilkie will retire volun-

An Associated Press dispatch says: | States secret service, will resign from

tion in Chicago. His successor has Jones, Sutherland and Clapp, repubnot yet been chosen. Former Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh appointed Mr. Wilkie to head the force that investigated widespread customs frauds unearthed in the last few years. As chief of the secret service Mr. Wilkie organized the emergency force of men that checkmated Spanish spies of the time of the war with Spain.

Dr. C. P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor since 1905, and recently appointed and confirmed commissioner of labor statistics, has resigned to accept the management partment favors government-owned of a private firm.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Special arbitration treaties between the United States and seven other countries which expire by limitation this year will be renewed by the state department if the foreign gov-Secretary suffrage. ernments are willing. Bryan made this announcement in connection with the proposed im-August 24; Portugal, November 24; Switzerland, December 23. A simi- alleged customs undervaluations. the countries at that time.

the confirmation of W. J. Harris, of Georgia, for director of the census.

prints the following Paris cablegram: The national peace congress adopted a lengthy program, which it demanded the French government with the government it was said should support at The Hague in that the treasury had been deprived 1915. It embodies in a resolution for fifteen years of large sums the following sentiment: congress felicitates President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan on their project relating to an inquiry by commissions with a view to the solution of international differences."

A Washington dispatch to the Columbia, S. C., State, says: Fourth class postmasters must be able to read, to count accurately the money they receive, to measure the oil cloth on the floors of their offices and to write at least a decipherable letter of Madison, Wis., as commissioner of once in a while, if they are taken corporations, although republican under the wing of the civil service. In effect they must have a reasonable understanding of "reading, riting and 'rithmetic' according to democratic national committee. Repregulations issued by the postoffice department. Every person eligible resentative Fitzgerald of New York to take the civil service examination called President Wilson's attention must be a citizen of the United States over twenty-one years old and must reside in the community served by the office he aspires to fill. No one will be eligible who is crazy, an ex-convict, who has been dishonorably discharged from the army or navy, or who is disposed, even occasionally, to reduce the visible supply of strong drink. All examinations will be conducted by the civil protested the re-election of Ben service commission and will not be Johnson as head of the house comfor appointment generally but for a mittee on the District of Columbia, particular office. The eligibility for claiming the Kentuckian promised to appointment after examination will relinquish claim to the place this be for one year only, except in special year. This is denied by Mr. Johninstances. The examination will not be severe but will be sufficient to test the business capacity of the applicants.

tarily to accept a commercial posi- Owen, democrats, and Senators licans, voted for the resolution, while Senator Catron, republican, voted against it.

> Plans for the electrical wiring of the Dreadnaught Pennsylvania have been stolen from the navy department.

> Senator Kern of Indiana, is pressing the resolution for investigation of the conditions responsible for the coal strike in West Virginia.

> Secretary Lane of the interior derailroad lines in Alaska. He says this is the only way to fully develop that country.

> Representative Heffin of Alabama has made a poll of the house and he announces that the democratic majority is five to one against woman

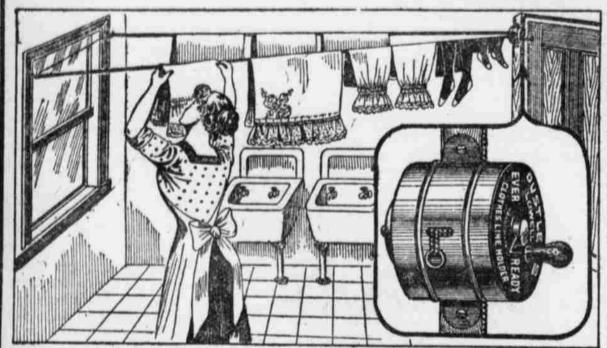
A special dispatch to the Denver mediate renewal of the British- News tells of an interesting case re-American treaty, which terminates opened by Secretary McAdoo of the on June 4. The treaties will expire treasury, in this way: John Wanain the following order: Spain, June maker, the New York-Philadelphia 2; Great Britain, June 4; Norway, merchant and at one time post-mas-June 24; Sweden, August 18; Japan, ter general, is facing possible prosecution by the federal government for lar treaty between the United States Agents of the department of justice and Mexico expires on June 27. are now at work on the investiga-Whether this is renewed will depend tion. The result will be laid before upon the relations existing between a federal grand jury in Philadelphia in June. On March 11, last, Mr. Wanamaker made a settlement with Republican senators are fighting the treasury department in the e confirmation of W. J. Harris, of amount of \$100,000. The specific charge is that Mr. Wanamaker undervalued several hundred thousand The Philadelphia Public Ledger dollars' worth of imports, thereby defrauding the federal government out of more than \$100,000 customs dues. When Mr. Wanamaker settled through irregular practices in the importation of samples of merchandise. It was founded that it had been the practice of the customs examiner at Philadelphia to pass samples at no value or a small one. In each case the amount was negligible, but in a period of years it amounted to a considerable sum.

> A Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: There will be no contest in the senate over the nomination of Joseph E. Davies senators announced recently that democratic national committee. Repto the fact that the law authorizing the president to make this appointment does not require confirmation by the senate. So the nomination will be withdrawn and Mr. Davies' appointment proclaimed.

A dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: Representative Aiken, of South Carolina, has son's friends.

The democrats in the senate dethe Penrose-La Follette amendment directing the holding of Senator Chamberlain's resolution public hearings on the tariff bill, by proposing an amendment to the con- a vote of 41 to 36. The bill was stitution to give the ballot to women then referred to the committee. Two was ordered favorably reported by democrats, Senator Ramsdell and the senate woman suffrage commit- Thornton of Louisviana, voted with Chairman Thomas and Senator the opponents of the bill. Senator

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