

bonds shall be permitted; authority to commissions to see to it that the proceeds of sales are devoted to the fixed purposes; that no stocks or bonds be issued without the positive approval of the commission; that power be given to the commission to impose necessary conditions upon the issue; that the regulation of the stocks and bonds of interstate common carriers be delegated to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Senator Overman of North Carolina introduced a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to permit a majority instead of two-thirds of the senate or house to override a president's veto, and also to empower the president to veto any distinct items in an appropriation bill without disapproving the remainder of the measure.

Postmaster General Burleson has decided to standardize the entire postal service, so far as possible, with a view to greater efficiency. To this end the department will operate a number of model offices for the purpose of discovering the best practicable way of administering the postal facilities and to test out devices and methods which may prove of value. In organizing the field service for this work the country has been divided into three groups, the Atlantic states, the middle west and the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, a leading suffragist of Wisconsin and New York, has been added to the staff of the new federal industrial commission, which is about to take up a study of the causes for unrest in the United States. Mrs. Benedict was engaged because of her knowledge of the legal side of industrial disputes.

Attorney General James McReynolds, concluding arguments for dissolution of the International Harvester Company before United States district court at St. Paul, Minn., November 5, asked that an interlocutory decree be entered by the court, declaring the harvester concern a monopoly in restraint of trade. He requested that the defendants have a reasonable time to submit to the court a proper plan of reorganization.

To facilitate the movement of mails during the holiday rush, the post-office department issued an order requiring postmasters and their employees to affix stamps to parcels when requested by patrons.

President Wilson appointed Dudley Field Malone collector of the port of New York. Mr. Malone will succeed John Purroy Mitchel, recently elected mayor of New York city, and whose resignation as collector was accepted by the president. Mr. Malone is now third assistant secretary of state. At the Baltimore convention Mr. Malone, with Senator O'Gorman, his father-in-law, was an ardent Wilson supporter. The nomination was confirmed by the senate without objection.

Direct election of United States senators, under the new constitutional amendment in states where no regulations have been made, will be provided for in a bill to be reported from the senate elections committee.

Henry M. Pindell of Peoria, Ill., has been selected as the ambassador to Russia.

Representative David J. Lewis of Maryland, in a speech before the national convention of second and third-class postmasters in session in Washington last month, made the prediction that in the next two years congress would authorize the post-

office department to take over the "telephone monopoly" of the country, and operate it as a part of the federal postal system.

Production of gold in the United States during 1912 amounted to \$93,451,500, a decrease of \$3,438,500 as compared with the previous year, and the lowest American production since 1907.

Successful operation of the steam engine through the rays of the sun was reported to the department of commerce by United States Consul Garret at Alexandria, Egypt, who states that the plant occupies several acres of immense mirrors which automatically follow the sun, supplying heat to fire the engine boilers.

By applying on or before December 1, depositors in the postal savings banks may exchange the whole or part of their deposits for United States registered or coupon bonds in denominations of \$20, \$100 or \$500, bearing interest from January 1, 1914, at the rate of two and one-half cents a year, payable semi-annually, and redeemable at the pleasure of

the United States after one year from the date of issue, both interest and principal payable twenty years from that date in United States gold coin, according to a statement issued by the postoffice department. It is stated that the bonds themselves will not be delivered until February 1, or later, on account of the time necessary for printing, but that they will draw interest from January 1.

The President and Mrs. Wilson have sent out invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, to Francis Bowes Sayre, of New York, which will take place at the White House November 25.

W. T. Denison of Maine was named secretary of the interior of the Philippine islands by President Wilson.

Although the new tariff act, with its lowered rates of duty, has been in effect about one month, the customs receipts have so far shown little falling off. According to the treasury statement, issued November 1, the customs receipts for October amounted to \$30,138,000, just about \$80,000 less than October, 1912. The deficit

for the fiscal year to date, the statement shows, is \$5,757,627, amounting to \$3,900,000 more than the deficit of the corresponding period last year. Pension payments under the Sherwood act apparently responsible for the larger deficit, the payments during October of this year exceeding the same month last year by over \$4,000,000.

The profits of the government from the first year's operation of the parcels post are estimated at over \$30,000,000.

More than 250 New York financiers have petitioned the war department to increase the number of troops on Governor's island to protect Wall street and the financial district from mob, uprising or foreign invasion. Governor's island in New York harbor, a comparatively short distance from the financial district, has only a small detail of soldiers at present, and the financiers behind the petition believe that it would be the course of wisdom to have that force increased so that the soldiers may respond to any emergency that might arise in the commercial section of New York city.



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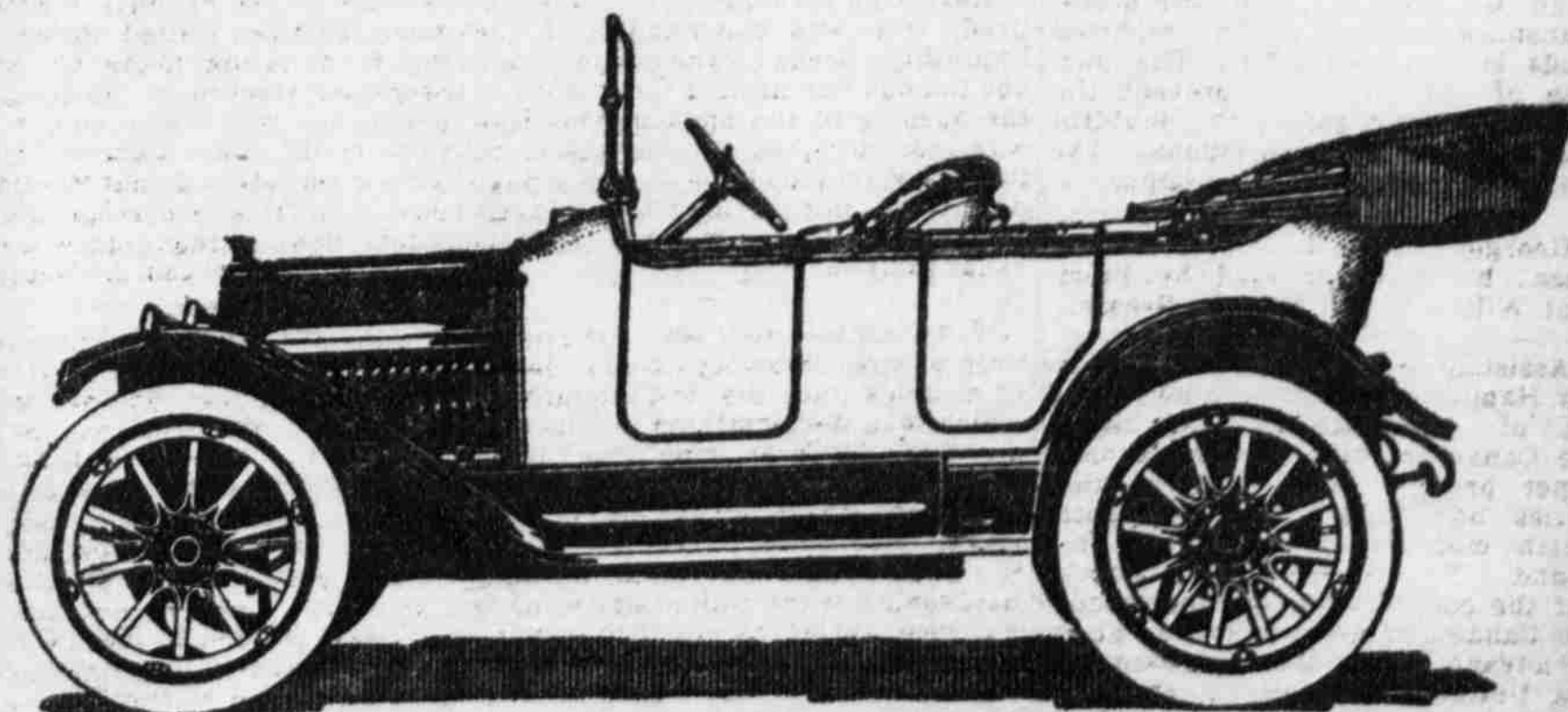
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