

POSTAL DEFICIT IS ELEVEN MILLIONS

Postmaster General's War Losses and Raise in Salaries More Than Offset Economics.

PARCELS BUSINESS INCREASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report, made public today, says the European war has cost the American postal service \$21,000,000 but that economies of administration have reduced the audited deficit to a little more than \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year which ended last June.

Chief among recommendations to congress are a renewal of previous proposals for a change from the weight to the space basis of fixing pay to the railroads for carrying mail; a renewal of recommendations for government ownership of telegraph and telephone; removal of the four-pound limit on first class mail, and the adoption of more liberal limitations on the weight and insurance of parcel post packages.

Expansion of Parcel Post.

The greatest expansion in the post-office, the report shows, was in the parcel post. The number of parcels sent by principal postoffices show it to be half of all the postal business, and that more than 1,000,000 parcels are being transported every year.

While the war has crippled the money order system, it has boomed the postal savings banks. The number of depositors and the amount deposited exceeded any year since the banks were established. More than a half million depositors were on the books at the end of June, 1915, a gain of 25 per cent for the year, and they had on deposit nearly \$66,000,000, a gain of more than 50 per cent.

Fraudulent Concerns Barred.

The activities of the Postoffice department in suppressing fraudulent use of the mails are unabated. The report says the department is working in close co-operation with those interested in purifying advertising columns, and that during the year fifty-seven concerns or persons were banished from the mails, and 1,500 lotteries were barred out.

Recruits in Steady Stream in London

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Scenes around the recruiting offices in London and other cities in Great Britain, were almost as brisk today as at any time during the week. The extension of time for carrying out the earl of Derby's plan of voluntary enlistment, owing to the inability of the officials to deal with the men applying for enrollment, was welcomed and from early morning there was a steady stream of recruits at the enrollment bureaus.

ALL THINGS WORK OUT IN ACCORD WITH LAWS OF GOD

Elliott Holbrook lectured at Theosophical hall, suite 701 Bee building, Sunday evening, using for his subject "The Hierarchy that Governs Humanity." He said that man, being created in the image of God, everything man does is a faint and imperfect reflection of what is done in the higher realms. Man's organizations, social, industrial, governmental and religious, are but imperfect copies of those above.

DISABLED MINNESOTA NEARING SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The disabled steamer Minnesota, which is being towed to this port, and whose destination will be the subject of federal inquiry, when the vessel arrives, was eighty-eight miles south of here at 8 o'clock tonight with a southeast gale behind her helping the tug, according to a wireless message received by C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship company. The vessel is expected to reach this port tomorrow morning.

Receipts for Two Men

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 13.—Governor G. W. Hayes announced tonight that tomorrow he will grant a receipt of thirty days to Clarence Dewain and Joe Strong, sentenced to die Wednesday in the electric chair.

Uncle Sam Sends a Judge to Try to Decide Just "Why is a Spade"

That idiotic interrogation, "Why is a spade?" was finally put up to the United States government for answer today.

Jerry B. Sullivan of New York, president of the United States General Board of Appraisers, presided over the hearings in a court room of the federal building.

"It is one of the strangest problems that has ever come before the board," said Judge Sullivan.

The people in the court room made it unanimous. Beside this question, other things that the great throbbing heart of the people have sought to know pale into insignificance. "Who struck Blily Patterson?" and "How old is Ann?" are easy in comparison.

The complaint was filed by the Wright & Wilhelm company, wholesale hardware dealers, in Omaha. The company imports spades and shovels. Up to last July the spades and shovels came in free under the section of the tariff act which says that "agricultural implements shall come in free."

So the poor shovels were torn from their cousins, the spades, and ordered to pay a 20 per cent ad valorem tariff before they could come into this land of the free and home of the brave.

FRICION IN FORD'S PEACE EXPEDITION

Several Members Threaten to Quit if Resolution Censuring President is Adopted.

MESSAGES SENT TO MONARCHS

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP OSCAR II, Dec. 13.—(By Wireless).—A resolution condemning President Wilson's preparedness policy brought a protest from prominent members of Henry Ford's peace party last night when it was presented for adoption.

The resolution was drawn up by the Rev. Jenkin Jones and the Rev. Charles F. Aked and others, who asked that it be signed by all members of the party as their platform.

More than a dozen members, including S. S. McClure of New York and Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, refused to sign on the ground that the resolution was unpatriotic. Some of them even threatened to leave the party after it reached Europe if the proposed platform were put through.

His supporters said the opponents of the resolution failed to understand the spirit of Mr. Ford's invitation.

Messages to Monarchs.

An appeal to the rulers of Europe was sent out by wireless today addressing individually to each reigning monarch, reading:

"We come in this time of trouble not to add to your burdens, but to help lift them, not to consider which nations are most to blame for the disaster that has befallen Europe, but to end the strife, not to intrude ourselves upon your national life and national ideas, but rather with an earnest desire to understand them and a heartfelt wish to aid in realizing them.

"The love of country for which every day tens of thousands of lives are sacrificed is the same in every land. Your nation like the people of all the other belligerent countries is fighting for its national existence and its best national traditions so there can be no irreconcilable differences. Such common ideals surely must afford a basis upon which to establish a magnanimous and honorable peace.

"The time has come to stop the bloodshed, to save the people from further slaughter and the civilization of the world from anarchy and ruin. Has not war been tried enough in sixteen months of fighting? Is it not proven that we cannot solve the problem, but that it leads only to loss and misery? Must lives be crushed and wives and mothers bereaved before we recognize that Europe is blind to death and that the previous wound must be staunch?

Suggests Armistice.

"We neutrals are about to join in a conference which shall without delay frame and submit simultaneously to you and all the other belligerent nations proposals as a basis for a discussion of the final settlement. Therefore we do earnestly entreat you and the rulers of all the other warring nations to declare an immediate truce. Let the armies stand where they are. Then let the negotiations proceed so that the soldiers may be delivered from another bitter winter in the trenches and sent back to their labors and their families. As there is no other way to end the war except by mediation and discussion, why waste one more precious human life? For the sake of humanity.

(Signed) HENRY FORD.

A. W. WALKUP, REAL ESTATE MAN, DIES AT A HOSPITAL

A. W. Walkup, real estate dealer, living at 232 North Twenty-first street, died yesterday afternoon at the Methodist hospital, following an operation last Wednesday. He had been ailing for some time, but did not seem to require the offices of a physician until last Sunday, and was taken to the hospital Wednesday for an operation. Mr. Walkup is survived by his wife and three children, his father, who lives here also, and a brother, W. W. Walkup, who lives at York.

GROCERY STORE HELD UP; CASH DRAWER EMPTIED

F. C. Nicholson grocery store, 228 Farnam street, last night was held up by a bandit, who escaped with about \$5 from the cash register. Florence Nicholson, aged 17, daughter of the proprietor, was alone in the store when the highwayman entered. He held her at bay with a revolver while he rifled the cash drawer.

A Cold is Dangerous. Break It Now.

Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for coughs and colds. Soothes the lungs, loosens the mucous. Only \$2. All drug stores.—Advertisement.

LONDON AND BERLIN PAPERS CYNICAL

Britons Contrast Ancona Note with Lusitania Incident and Say U. S. is Bluffing Weak Power.

TEUTONS CALL IT POLITICS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Evening Standard, reviewing the American note on the Ancona case, is unwilling to believe "that America is prepared to exact a proper penalty for the outrage." It adds:

"The note is firm and definite, yet in view of the fact that previous worse outrages ended in smoke, the public will prefer to wait before applauding the heroic stand."

The Westminster Gazette says: "There is no weakness or hesitation in the note, which is more consonant with the position of the United States in the world than have been the messages in other cases of wanton outrage."

Contrast with Lusitania Note.

Contrasting the tone of the note sent to the Austrian government by the United States with the note sent to Germany after the Lusitania disaster, the Daily Express concludes that "the note would have been more impressive if it had been addressed to the power capable of injuring the United States instead of Austria, from whom the United States has nothing to fear."

Continuing, the Express says: "It was a monstrous and cruel act, but not a whit more criminal than the sinking of the Lusitania. The note sent to Vienna, however, is direct and almost bereft of compliments, Germany may sin with practically impunity, but was to Austria if it follows in its friend's footsteps."

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial, says:

"Both President Wilson's description of the outrage and his demands are perfectly justified, but would not both have been even more justified in the Lusitania case? However, we may congratulate the president upon his novel vigor! His demand for the punishment of the captain of the submarine may cause a semi-humorous complication behind the scenes, should it turn out that he was a German officer commanding the submarine."

Tagess Zeitung is Cynical.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(Via London).—Count von Reventlow, in the Tagess Zeitung, in commenting on the recall of the German naval and military attaches at Washington, declares that he finds it impossible that the request that he is recalled was not due to political reasons.

He knows of no case, he says, in which the recall of both military and naval attaches was demanded simultaneously. He says that the recalls were demanded after a long campaign "of the British press and of the American press, which takes sides with the enemies of Germany."

Count von Reventlow quotes a Washington dispatch referring to the danger of a severance of relations between Austria and the United States and says he does not know how highly Austria estimates the danger of a severance and is curious to learn what position it will take. He quotes with approval the remarks of the Lokai Anseiger concerning the saving of lives of military and naval attaches was demanded simultaneously. He says that the details that the United States demands that a submarine shall not fire when a vessel flees after being challenged, "but shall in respectful silence let it flee."

Many Refugees in German Alsace

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—According to an official statement, there are in German Alsace, 26,000 refugees distributed in villages outside the war zone, of whom about 15,000 are in distress.

Ruinous Curling Iron No Longer Necessary

The woman whose hair has been burnt dread the hot curling iron. She knows only too well how destructive to the life and health of the hair this instrument of torture is. She will therefore welcome the information that a simple product to be found at any drug store will not only give her tresses the desired wavy effect, but without burning, discoloring, streaking or injuring hair or scalp in any way. It is nothing more than plain salerine in liquid form. It should be applied to the hair with a clean tooth brush, preferably at night.

A convenient way is to divide the hair into strands and moisten these one at a time from root to tip. In the morning the hair will be found beautifully wavy and curly, having the appearance of perfect naturalsness, no matter how the hair is done up. The effect lasts a considerable time and one need get only a few ounces of the liquid salerine. This, by the way, is neither greasy nor sticky.—Advertisement.

GOULD ENDORSES PLANS TO REORGANIZE ROAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Frank J. Gould has endorsed the plans for reorganizing the affairs of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company and has sent a cablegram from France authorizing his attorney, G. H. Taylor, to deposit with the reorganization committee the securities held by Mr. Gould in the railway. Mr. Taylor announced today. The purpose of the reorganization, as it is explained, is to protect the interests of the holders of the various classes of securities and to put the property under the management of a solvent company.

SWALLOWS POISON FOR HEADACHE TABLETS

Arthur Jalvis, a carpenter, living at 98 North Twenty-first street, is at St. Joseph's hospital in a serious condition, the result of swallowing poison last night at his home by mistake. Jalvis meant to take headache tablets, but got the wrong bottle.

Three More Cases; Will You Help One?

Sensible giving is not "spuggery." Practical help is just as generous as any. It is all part of the fine Christmas spirit, but the practical help lasts the longer.

Mrs. Doane reports generous response to her appeals in behalf of certain specific cases, reported through The Bee, and now presents three more:

7. Colored family, mother and two children. Divorced. Mother just recovering from illness. Girl 15, boy 13. Need food and help with payment on home. Exceptionally good family.

8. Women, deserted and tubercular. Five children: Girl 15, boy 12, boy 10, girl 7, boy 2 years. Need extra food and shoes.

9. Woman, divorced. Two children, all frail and under-nourished. County pension \$15 per month. Girl 14, girl 10. Need extra food and fuel and warm clothing.

These are all worthy and assistance given them is well bestowed. Will YOU help one of these?

For obvious reasons the names cannot be published.

TEN THOUSAND LOSS IN POWDER PLANT FIRE

PINOLE, Cal., Dec. 13.—Fire in the Hercules Powder company's plant here caused an explosion today of 1,500 pounds of gelatine dynamite. The mixing house, in which the explosion occurred, was obliterated, but there were no casualties, as the fire caused by a short circuit, was discovered in time to permit all employees to escape.

The fire started, it was said, from a short circuit in the electric motor used to operate the hoisting gear in the mixing house. When the men saw the flames all hands left the building. The superintendent ordered everybody away from the vicinity of the burning building and from a safe distance they watched until the explosion occurred, which was more than half an hour after the flames were first seen.

The officials at the works said they had no reason to believe that outside agencies had anything to do with the fire. They estimated the damage at about \$10,000.

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Leather Covered Footstools... \$4.95 to \$7.50
Ladies' Desks, all finishes... \$6.00 to \$120.00
Ladies' Dressing Tables, all finishes... \$12.50 to \$65
Sewing Rockers... \$1.25 to \$25.00
Serving Trays in mahogany and walnut, priced from... 95c to \$4.50. \$5 and \$6.50 up
Fumed Lamps with art glass shades... \$2.50 to \$12.95
Leather Cushion Rocking Chairs... \$6.75 to \$47.50
Telephone Tables with stools... \$2.95 to \$9.85
Magazine Stands... \$1.29 to \$13.65
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FORMER SENATOR COCKRELL IS DEAD

Aged Democratic Statesman Who Represented Missouri Thirty Years Passes Away.

CONFEDERATE ARMY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Francis Marion Cockrell, former United States senator from Missouri, died here today.

Infirmities of old age, resulting in serious illness during the last two weeks, caused death. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Cockrell, democrat, served five terms in the United States senate, from 1875 to 1906. The day he left the senate he was appointed a member of the Interstate commerce commission by President Roosevelt and remained a member until December 31, 1910. In March, 1911, he was appointed United States commissioner to adjust the boundary between Texas and New Mexico.

During the civil war, Cockrell was a confederate army officer, rising from private to brigadier general. His home was in Warrensburg, Mo.

AMERICAN SHIP HELD TO BE AN ENEMY VESSEL

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 13.—The prize court, which has before it the case of the American ship Pass of Baltimore, has decided to treat it as "an enemy vessel." It is announced that the evidence has established that the ship was under the British flag until the end of 1914, and was sold to an American company after the outbreak of the war. The Pass of Baltimore was captured while it was on the way to Archangel, Russia, with a cargo of cotton, which has been sold for 2,500,000 marks (about \$225,000). A judgment covering the proceeds will be announced on December 15.

TO USE PARK PAVILION FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Philathen and Barac classes of the Hancock Park Methodist church are the first church young people to use the pavilion at Hancock park for social purposes, and these two classes are planning a big New Year's Eve party in the pavilion. City Commissioner Hummel has granted them the use of the pavilion for that evening and Director English is helping to plan.

No one but members of the two classes and a few of their invited friends will be present.

Kaiser at War Council. LONDON, Dec. 13.—An important war council, over which the German emperor is presiding, is now taking place at German headquarters on the eastern front, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily Mail.

Hands and Arms ITCH AND BURN

Wanted to Scratch All the Time. Kept Awake. Clothes Aggravated. In One Week HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"I had a breaking out on my hands at first and it began to spread to my arms, just like blue or purple spots which would burn and itch and kept me awake all night. The itching and burning were so bad I wanted to scratch all the time; it was worse when I got warm. The breaking out was ugly and unsightly. My clothes aggravated the eruption on my arms.

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