

WIRES TO COME UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL AUG. 1

President Puts Postmaster General Burleson in Charge of All Systems Taken Over by Government.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 23.—Acting under the authority recently conferred by congress, President Wilson today issued a proclamation taking all telephone and telegraph lines under government operation and control at midnight, Wednesday, July 31.

Although congress empowered him to do so, the president did not include wireless systems, because the navy already is in control of them, and he also did not include ocean cables, presumably because contracts for the cable companies have with foreign governments on whose shores they land contain clauses respecting government operation which raised involved questions. The navy already is in practical control of the cables through its censorship.

Presidents Retained. The president's proclamation placed administration of the wire systems with Postmaster General Burleson and provided that until otherwise decided the present management and employees will continue. Present financial arrangements also will continue with the approval of the postmaster general.

In a statement accompanying the president's proclamation, Postmaster General Burleson announced that his policy would be one of the least possible interference with the wire communication systems consistent with the interests and needs of the government.

Press wire service, Mr. Burleson said, would be interfered with only to improve its facilities, and farmers' telephones would be interfered with only to facilitate their connection with the larger lines. No general policy has been decided upon, the postmaster general announced, and public notice will be given of any plans to change present arrangements.

Co-operation Welcomed. Pledging to the public his best efforts for the most efficient service at the least cost, the postmaster general declared he welcomed the suggestions and co-operation of the men who have built up the systems.

Postmaster General Burleson will personally take charge of the administration of the wire communications

Little Boy Works to Earn Money for Milk

Jimmie worked a whole afternoon to earn 25 cents with which he bought milk for his 2-year-old baby brother. Jimmie's father ran away a few months ago leaving the family helpless. There are three little ones besides Jimmie and the mother's burden is heavy.

The Bee's Milk and Ice fund has come to the rescue now and the baby and 2-year-old are getting plenty of pure milk and there is ice to keep it pure.

This is one typical case. There are scores of others and especially during the hot weather the need is tremendous. The relief that can be given to the babies and small children of the very poor is limited only by the number of contributions received by the fund.

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and will be assisted by a committee of three composed of John L. Koons, first assistant postmaster general, on subjects of organization and administration; David J. Lewis, former congressman from Maryland, now a member of the tariff commission, on subjects of operation; and William H. Lamar, solicitor for the postoffice department, on matters of finance.

Army Orders.

Washington, July 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Appointments of the following named men as second lieutenants in the air service (aeronautics), national army and their assignment to active duty at Fort Omaha from June 26 are announced: George Raymond Birka, Robert Storis Heald.

The appointment of Hospital Sergeant George W. Mannas as captain, sanitary corps, national army, is announced. He will proceed to Fort Des Moines. Capt. Joseph T. Edwards, medical reserves corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Hill, Okla., and will proceed to Camp Dodge.

Capt. Ward Brown, engineer reserves corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge and will proceed to Washington, D. C., and report in person to the officer in charge of the construction division for duty.

Postoffice Appointments.

Washington, July 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Nellie Watson has been appointed clerk in the postoffice at Alliance, Benjamin H. Miller at Fremont, Clarence H. Carney at Fairbury, Neb.

Postmasters appointed: Kirley, Stanley county, South Dakota; Helen Gulbrandson, vice lensa, Christensen, resigned, Little Horse, Creek county, Wyoming; Nellie Casey vice Maude F. Johnson, resigned. Nebraska letter carriers appointed: Pender, Willie K. Bell; Washburn, Alvin L. Evans; Wausau, Andy G. Olson; Weston, Charles H. Bailey.

Postoffice at Clifford, Kimball county, Nebraska, discontinued; mail to Kimball.

FRENCH TAKE HEIGHT ALONG AVRE VALLEY

(Continued From Page One.) and left in the rear by the advancing troops. East of Jaulgonne, the French likewise have advanced their line on the north bank of the Marne and clung to their newly won positions.

Likewise, southwest of Rheims, where the British are fighting with the French, strong enemy positions have been captured and the allied line advanced nearly a mile. The reinforced German front here stubbornly contested the advance, but the British and French gained the advantage and in addition to inflicting heavy casualties took prisoners and five guns. The British alone captured 300 Germans.

The counter attacks of the Germans continue to be delivered with great violence and with heavy gun and machine gun fire behind them. Where they are forced to give ground the Germans are leaving numerous machine gun nests in the open to harass their enemies and aid in making secure the retirements.

The Germans apparently are fearful of the constant nibbling at their lines east of Amiens by the British forces, and they are sending a rain of gas shells over the Villers-Bretonneux sector. The British on various sectors in France and Flanders are making slight gains and taking prisoners and machine guns.

In Albania both the French and Italian troops are keeping up their pressure against the Austrians. In the latest reports from Rome and Paris considerable gains are credited to the allied troops and also the capture of important positions and prisoners of war.

Nearly All of San Diego Missing Accounted For

Washington, July 23.—All but eight of the fifty-nine men reported missing after the sinking of the armored cruiser San Diego, off Fire Island, N. Y., last Friday, have been accounted for, said an announcement tonight by the Navy department. Further reports are expected to reduce this number and officials hope that the only casualties will be the three men killed by the explosion.

Frost Menaces Grain in Fields of Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta, July 23.—Northern Alberta, with its fields of growing grain, narrowly escaped being bitten by frost during the last 24 hours. Officials today believed the danger had passed. The lowest temperature reported today was 32 degrees above at Lamont. Considerable snow fell at Calgary today.

Major Roosevelt is Hurt In Machine Gun Nest Raid

Paris, July 23.—Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, jr., received the wound from which he is suffering while leading an attack on a machine gun nest at Ploisy, southwest of Soissons, on Friday. The wound was made by a machine gun bullet behind the left knee.

The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune says the major reached the American Red Cross hospital on Friday evening. An operation on his wound was performed at midnight by Lt. Col. Joseph A. Blake of New York. No bones were broken by the bullet.

The major's tag, which is worn by all wounded soldiers, read: "Severe

gunshot wound." It was technically described later as a "perforating wound of the popliteal space." Surgeons say it will be six weeks before the major returns to the front. Capt. Archie Roosevelt said yesterday that his brother was resting easily in his own home on Avenue du Bois de Boulogne. His leg at present is useless.

Major Roosevelt led the assault on a machine gun nest which was particularly annoying to the Americans. In the excitement he went "over the top" without a helmet and when wounded was in the midst of the Germans. The nest was cleaned out and the village of Ploisy fell soon afterward.

Bonds May Be Exchanged Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 15

Washington, July 23.—Registered bonds of the third Liberty loan may be transferred or exchanged for coupon bonds after August 1 and until August 15, the Treasury department announced tonight. The department also is prepared to issue registered bonds in exchange for coupon bonds of the third loan.

Prohibition of the transfers after August 15, which is made necessary by the interest paying period on September 15, will only be temporary, and both exchanges and transfers affecting registered bonds will be resumed September 16.

The Weather

Comparative Record.

Table with columns: Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with columns: Station, State, Temp., High, Low, Rain, Fall.

U. S. TO PUT ARMY OF FIVE MILLION MEN IN THE FIELD

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great to be overcome they expect some such operation, as General Foch frequently has proved his full knowledge of the value of holding the initiative and can be relied upon to hold it by surprise assaults which will wear out the German reserves in hurrying from front to front to meet them.

So far as future American participation goes, General March has already disclosed to congress that offensive operations are expected later in the year. There are already available more troops than can be shipped to the front before winter.

Draft Question Under Study.

In making his statement Mr. Baker said the changes in draft ages are still under study. The study of the draft age question, he said, was based upon finding the "necessary number of men with the least possible disturbance of economic conditions in the country."

It was recalled the original national army plan as presented by the War department recommended age limits of 19 to 36 inclusive. Congress changed these limits to the present 21 to 31 law. There has been nothing to indicate, however, that either Mr. Baker or his advisers have

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changed their opinion that men of 19 should be taken, furnishing two large additional classes of recruits immediately without material disturbance of the economic balance.

Just what maximum age will be found most desirable it is difficult to say. It was frequently urged in congress recently that the limit be set at 45 years. That would involve an enormous amount of registration and examination of records, however, for which a very small return in fighting men could be expected in the higher ages. Probably a compromise of 40 or perhaps below that will be worked out in the end.

One of the chief arguments for extension upward of the age limits is the power it would give to apply the

work or fight rule on a far wider scale. The government, however, has not as yet committed itself to a policy of this character.

German Raider Cruising Off Coast of Mexico

San Diego, Cal., July 23.—Following a report from the British consul at La Paz that a German raider is cruising off the Mexican coast, all vessels in the 12th naval district have been advised to observe special precautions of the submarine zone.

Aircraft from stations in the vicinity of this city and warships within call have been sent in search of the prowler, according to navy authorities.

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