

LOW WAGES IN POSTAL SERVICE BREED BUREAU RED-TAPE WORM

Assistant Postmaster General Urges Higher Pay for Department Employees; Politics Claimed Behind Plan.

International Labor News Service, Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett got away to Richmond this week and started a conference-convention (that's Washingtonese for meeting) of postal employees by saying that the postoffice department is going to become the most model employer in the world, in addition to being the largest, and that this will be done by paying higher wages to attract the best labor.

"Heretofore the reputation of the department among the workers in the field was that of a 'hard-boiled' and impractical aggregation skilled only in the manipulation of red tape," said Mr. Bartlett. "This reputation has been a certain per cent true, a certain per cent misunderstanding and a certain per cent justifiable. That which is misunderstanding will dissipate through these conventions. That which is true and unjustifiable can only be cured by a policy of paying wages and salaries to attract to Washington the best personnel in the entire country.

"The disparity of salaries and wages which now exist in favor of the field workers, as against the department employees, has the effect of literally standing the postal business on its head. Every business man will readily concede as a fundamental principle of a large business organization that the so-called home office of that business, where the directing brains are located for the entire activity, should be manned and officered by the best and most skillful of the personnel, and it may equally well be assumed as an axiom that the highest paid are generally the best. In other words, referring to our own postal business, the salaries and wages of the 230,000 employees should be so scaled that there will be a line of natural promotion from the field to the department. There should unquestionably be at all times a salary increment attracting the best in the field service to the departmental service.

"As it exists now by law this well established rule of successful business is inverted. In the department clerks, for instance, are started at a salary as low as \$720 per year,

ALL FIGHT CARD TO DRAW CROWD

Local Boxers to Feature Five Big Bouts at Shrine Auditorium.

At the Shrine Auditorium, on next Monday evening, Dec. 18, the Duluth Athletic club will furnish five boxing bouts, featuring Head of the Lakes boxers in contests, that for action, cannot be beaten.

"In the windup will be Howard J. Perry, the Pride of the Morgan Park steel plant, pitted against Jimmy Valentine, the Italian bantamweight of this city, who has developed rapidly during Howard's absence in Uncle Sam's navy. This battle will decide the bantamweight supremacy of Duluth and the friends of each boy are lining up solidly behind their champion.

In the other half of the wind-up Kid Billings of Superior will meet Kid Alberts of Duluth to settle the welterweight question.

To further insure the success of the promoters have arranged a six-round heavyweight contest between Emil Engbers, a heavyweight of Minneapolis, who has been coming along rapidly and Dick Franklin, of Bemidji, a heavyweight who has met both Fred Fulton and Farmer Lodge.

Young Ennis of Superior, a hard hitting railroad mechanic of Superior, and a boy who has never been defeated since entering the ring, will again meet Jack O'Neill of West Duluth. These boys put up one of the fastest bouts seen in a Duluth ring some time back and O'Neill is asking for another chance to prove he is the better man.

In another preliminary Young Nemo, the Finnish featherweight, takes on Young Randy, for eight rounds on a winner-take-all basis. This is also a re-match.

The Duluth Athletic club feels that the fans prefer at times to have bouts containing real fighting between local boys sandwiched in between the headliners of outside boxers and it is their intention to feature the local boys periodically.

PLEADS FOR U. S. EMPLOYE. Government employees who are denied federal compensation because of occupational illness are being championed by Mrs. Beatie P. Bruggeman, chairman of the federal United States employees' compensation commission. Controller General McCarl has interpreted the law so that only those government employees who can prove an actual "injury" are entitled to compensation. "The commission says the ruling is 'narrow.'

STATE COSSACKS FEARED BY HALL

Believes Attempt Will Yet Be Made to Put Over Police Bill.

Organized labor was warned to be on its guard and to be ready to fight any attempt to pass a state police or state constabulary bill by the next session of the Minnesota state legislature by E. G. Hall, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, in an address at a meeting of the Minnesota Trade Union Liberty league for the modification of the Volstead act, held Sunday afternoon in Labor temple, St. Paul.

"While the crime commission appointed last summer by Gov. Preus has apparently abandoned the state constabulary bill I feel confident that another attempt will be made to have the legislature pass some sort of a state police measure," Mr. Hall declared. "They will use as their argument in favor of this measure the establishment of a state police is needed to hunt bootleggers. What they really want is a police law that will interfere in strikes against the

workers so you are warned to be on your guard and ready to fight any attempt to establish either a state police law, a state constabulary or an industrial court law similar to the one on the statute books of Kansas.

TALKS OF 'FLAPDOODLE' WHEN STORM HAS PASSED

In commenting on the refusal of the Western Maryland railroad to obey orders issued by the railroad labor board, a Baltimore newspaper expresses the hope that there will be no more "flapdoodle" talk about "boishermism" when workers refuse to obey the board's orders.

This newspaper is taking the usual tricky attitude of its kind. It remained silent when the shop men needed defenders. Now that the hysteria against the railroad strikers has spent its force, most any one can safely assume a friendly attitude toward them.

NO LABOR SHORTAGE. The Duluth department of labor reports through its employment bureau that there was a small gain of 1.7 per cent in the number of employees in profitable employment during October. Reports from 1,453 identical concerns show they had 242,004 employees on the October 15 pay roll, as compared with 237,255 in September.

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SEDALIA CITY COUNCIL OPPOSE STRIKEBREAKERS

Attempts by the citizens' alliance to import strikebreakers to work in the railroad shops have been condemned by the city council of Sedalia, Mo.

"It has been the expression of other cities," the resolution declares, "that when these strikebreakers are turned loose upon a community a wave of crime has followed in their wake, as a majority of these men are riff-raff of the slums of the larger cities."

The council denies the citizen's alliance claim that public officials are not enforcing the law and closes its resolution with the declaration that it "does hereby condemn the bringing of armed men of questionable character upon our streets to overawe and intimidate peaceable and law-abiding citizens of many years standing."

ANOTHER OIL MELON. Standard oil of Ohio has declared a stock dividend of 100 per cent. This is the second 100 per cent stock dividend paid by this company since the supreme court dissolved the Standard oil trust 10 years ago. In 1916 the common stock was \$3,500,000. Now it is \$14,000,000.

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