

POSTAL MEN'S UNION IS CALLED A MENACE

Burleson Asks Congress to Repeal Law Permitting Them to Organize.

"DEMANDS SELFISH" Report Shows Largest Surplus in Department's History—Savings Grow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Postmaster General Burleson, in his annual report, submitted to Congress today, declares organizations of postal employees are rapidly becoming a menace to public welfare and recommends that Congress repeal the law that allows such employees to main organizations. The law provides that the employees may organize and become affiliated with other bodies so long as they do not impose any obligation to engage or assist in a strike against the Government.

Emphasizing the need for unselfish co-operation on all sides while the country is in the world war, the Postmaster General continued:

"Notwithstanding this fact, and at this critical period in our Nation's history, it is regrettable to state that the organized postal employees are making many selfish demands and insisting that they shall not be required or permitted to work in excess of the usual number of hours; also that their salaries be permanently increased, although they are justly compensated, receiving more than three times as much as those fighting in the trenches who must of necessity suffer the hardships of warfare and sacrifice their all if necessary.

"Efforts of these organizations along other lines have been severely criticized by men in public life, as they attempt to control political as well as legislative matters and openly boast of the influence they claim to exert in the furtherance of their selfish interests.

Federal Act Violated.

"An outside organization has during the past several years attempted to unionize Government employees, including those in the postal service, and a large number of postal employees are now affiliated with it, and others soon will be, notwithstanding the fact that such affiliation is believed to be contrary to the act of August 24, 1912. The advisability of permitting Government employees to affiliate with an outside organization and use the strike and boycott as a last resort to enforce its demands is seriously questioned by those interested in the public welfare.

"Postal employees have become bold because of this affiliation and have within recent years threatened to strike, and in one case actually did so by tendering their resignations and abandoning the service in a body. In this case they were promptly indicted and prosecuted in the federal courts. While strikes in the postal service may be averted for the time being, yet they will inevitably come, and the public will then be brought face to face with a most serious situation—one which will be a menace to our government.

"If by combining," the report says, "Government employees are enabled to unduly influence members of Congress and others seeking election to public office, the situation will naturally arise, if it has not already arisen, where Congress will be unduly influenced by such organizations, the appropriations for the salaries of such employees will be greatly increased and economic provision for the conduct of the service impossible."

Employees on Different Basis.

The report explains that postal employees are differently situated from other workers in that they are not employed by private concerns but by the Government "whose officers are merely executing the will of the people."

The report shows an audited surplus for the year of \$9,836,211, the largest in the history of the department. The increase over the preceding year was 5.66 per cent, while the increase in cost was 4.45 per cent. The audited revenues for the year, including money-order and postal savings business, amounted to \$329,726,116.

Remarkable growth in postal savings is shown. In 1917 there were 674,728 depositors with a total of \$131,954,696 to their credit. The average balance for each year depositor was \$195.57. This was an increase over the previous year of 71.791 in the number of depositors, \$45,934,811 in the amount and \$52.90 in the per capita balance. The large proportion of

this total is contributed by industrial centers. In 143 offices in cities where there are big manufacturing plants 74 per cent of the deposits are held.

MISSOURIAN IN THE ORIENT

Arthur Bassett Assumes Duties of Judge Advocate at Tientsin.

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 7.—Arthur Bassett, for the last three years counsel for the British-American Tobacco Company of Shanghai, departed this week for Tientsin to assume his new duties as major in the judge advocate's office of the division of the American Army stationed at Tientsin. Mr. Bassett will assume the duties of judge advocate at this point until transferred either to the United States or France. He has been a member of the United States Officers' Reserve Corps



Arthur Bassett.

for several months, but did not receive his orders to report for service until last week (Oct. 1).

Mr. Bassett first came to the Orient in 1903 as assistant attorney general of the Philippine Islands. He served there until 1906, when he came to Shanghai as district attorney for the then newly organized United States Court for China under Judge Wilfey, also a Missourian. In 1910 he left China for Mexico City, where in partnership with Judge Wilfey he practiced law. In 1913 he returned to China as counsel for the British-American Tobacco Company. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri of the class of 1900 and of the Washington University Law School of 1902, and is a native of Paris, Mo.

TELLS OF LIFE AT YPRES

Former Instructor Writes of War—Now in Hospital in England.

Lieutenant C. A. Webster, a former instructor in the University, who has had seventeen months' service in France with the Canadian forces, is now in a hospital in London, England. The following letter from him was received by J. Warshaw, professor of Romance languages in the University, on leave of absence:

"At last I have been received into the hospital after several weeks around Ypres. The life there is just what the papers tell us—absolute hell, rain, shells, gas, swamp everywhere, no shelter and miles of ground to cover without landmarks. Two or four days will finish most men. We have been in it several times, three weeks perhaps, and it got me. I contracted a cold which turned into laryngitis. I will have a rest in England for two or three months, which ends my seventeen months' service in France.

"One humorous incident: I was standing at the doorway of a 'pill box,' which, by the way, is square and not round and should be called a 'block house.' A poor sort of path leads to the front line. Down the line came two South African stretcher bearers carrying a wounded Boche soldier. As the way was long the men were pretty tired, so they put down their load before us. When one of them looked at the sleeping Boche you should have heard the wild, indignant shout, 'The beggar's asleep.' With that they lifted the stretcher against high and dropped it to the ground with a thud. The Boche woke up, all right!

"But many of the sights were terrible. Men stood in the mud, buried to their necks, and could not be pulled out. One of my fellow officers is missing and I am sure he was wounded and fell into a shell hole. But the Boche is getting 'his,' too."

Lieutenant Webster's address is London, 3 Whitehall Place. W. C. care of Holt and Company.

Teachers wanted to fill emergency vacancies in all departments. Have calls for teachers daily. Only 3 1/2 per cent commission. Teachers' Employment Bureau, 205-209 C. R. S. Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 12-17

SPORT

By Associated Press

The University of Pennsylvania Athletic Association has decided to stage the annual relay carnival next April as usual and the final races will be held the last Saturday of that month unless unforeseen events should cause a change in the date. This track and field meet, which has grown to be the biggest inter-collegiate athletic contest of the year, has in recent seasons been divided into a two-day program but it is uncertain at this time whether that schedule will be adhered to or the April races confined to one day. Much will depend upon the class and number of entries received. If there is a loss in college entrants the schoolboy athletes will be featured.

The University of Missouri has been represented at this meet in the past.

Rhodes to Lead Cornhuskers; Football Fobs Given to Squad.

Roscoe Rhodes, left end on the University of Nebraska football eleven for the last two years, will captain the Cornhuskers during the season of 1918. Nineteen N sweaters were awarded, following which the N men elected Rhodes to the captaincy.

As a special reward to the Cornhuskers for winning the 1917 Missouri Valley football championship the athletic board voted for the presentation of gold football fobs to the nineteen N men of the Nebraska squad.

To Award Football M's Next Week.

Football M's probably will be awarded to members of the 1917 team next week. A football captain for next year will be elected after the letters are awarded. Only three men are eligible for captain: Henry Bass, William Collins and Harry Viner. At least two of these men may enter national service.

Athletic Meeting in Kansas City.

The annual meeting of the athletic directors and faculty representatives of all the Missouri Valley Conference schools will be held at the Savoy Hotel in Kansas City December 7. Athletic schedules for the coming year will be discussed by the athletic directors. W. G. Manly and Director W. E. Meanwell will represent the University.

About 7,000 Saw the Kansas Game.

J. B. Gibson of the athletic department, who had charge of the seat sale for the Missouri-Kansas game, said today that the cash receipts, excluding activity tickets, amounted to nearly \$12,000. The attendance was about 7,000.

CITY AND CAMPUS

Forty-one Christian College girls will give a Hoover dinner to the faculty at 6 o'clock Saturday night at the college. A line party will be given afterward.

The Christian College Christmas vacation will begin at 10 o'clock Friday, December 14, and close at 7 o'clock Thursday night, January 3.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nash left yesterday afternoon for their home at St. Louis after visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Davis.

W. S. Darnaby returned to Chicago Tuesday night after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Darnaby.

Mrs. J. Englander left yesterday for her home in St. Louis after visiting Mrs. C. F. McVey.

J. M. Rollins returned yesterday afternoon to his home at Sturgeon.

Mrs. W. A. Shepard returned yesterday afternoon to her home at Moberly.

Miss Mollie Hamel arrived yesterday afternoon to visit her nephew, J. P. Hamel, a student in the University.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Metcalf left yesterday afternoon for their home at Greenfield, Ill., after visiting G. P. Bauer.

Charles Allen left yesterday for his home in St. Louis.

A. F. McEwen went to St. Louis yesterday on business.

O. R. Teichman left yesterday afternoon for his home at St. Louis after visiting his son, R. D. Teichman, at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

Mrs. William P. Smith arrived yesterday from Mexico, Mo., to visit her son, E. J. Smith, a student in the University.

Lieutenant Carl B. Stewart is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Stewart of West Broadway, until December 15. Lieutenant Stewart received his commission as second lieu-

tenant at Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Stewart, who have been visiting Mr. Stewart's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Stewart of West Broadway, went to Fulton yesterday to visit Mrs. Stewart's parents.

Miss Marion Kennington, a student in the School of Commerce, has been called to her home in Jackson, Miss., because of sickness in her family. She will not return to school.

A paper read by Deaq E. J. McCausland of the School of Engineering before a meeting of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis on "Modern Business Systems and the Engineer" has been published in the Journal of the Engineers' Club.

Kirk G. Hasetline of Springfield, Mo., a graduate of the University, is visiting at the Pi Kappa, Alpha house.

Mrs. W. H. Fox of Marshall came today to be the guest of her daughter, Miss Nannie Fox, an attendant at Parker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. M. F. Miller, who has been in Omaha for some time, returned to Columbia this week. She was accompanied by her little daughter and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ernst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Streeter, who have been visiting in Columbia, have returned to their home in Kansas City.

Mrs. E. D. Thomason and her son, O. L. Thomason, left today for St. Charles. She will visit her sons, C. O. Thomason and S. E. Thomason. O. L. Thomason will go to St. Louis to take the examination for the aviation corps.

Miss Marie Sullivan has returned

to her home in Frankfort after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Murry.

Mrs. J. W. Hardin went to Brown today.

Mrs. J. M. Nichols, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Everett Buckler, has returned to her home in Centralia. Mrs. Buckler went with her to spend a day in Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pegg of Richmond, Ind., have returned to their home after visiting their son, Prof. E. C. Pegg.

Miss Rose Rosenthal left today for Versailles to address the Morgan County Teachers' Convention and to supervise the writing in the city schools.

Miss Marie Bayer went to Chesterfield today.

Mrs. E. J. Jennings has returned to her home in Hale after a short visit here.

Mrs. L. Cline of Missouri avenue left for Athens, O., today, where she was called by the serious illness of her father, Judge A. W. Lynch.

BASKETBALL FOR SORORITIES

Miss Mary Stewart Suggests That Pan-Hellenic Organization Have Teams.

At a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council of the sororities of the University yesterday afternoon, a plan which provides for inter-sorority basketball was adopted. This was the result of a suggestion of Miss Mary Stewart, instructor in physical education, that not only would the physical exercise be beneficial, but inter-sorority relations would be greatly improved if all the sororities would cooperate to make such an experiment a success.

TO START RED CROSS DRIVE

George Simmons of St. Louis Will Make Opening Speech.

The campaign by Red Cross members will be opened in Columbia next Monday night, when George Simmons of St. Louis will speak here. "He has been on the ground in Europe," said E. Sydney Stephens, district manager, "and makes a very interesting and inspiring statement of the Red Cross work."

"A Red Cross service flag will be displayed in the windows of the homes or establishments of those who join the Red Cross Society," Mr. Stephens continued. "The flag has a narrow blue border and a white field with a red cross in the center. A small cross will be added for each additional member of the family joining. Christmas eve candles will be lighted behind the flags and those who join the Red Cross Society will be asked to walk through the streets singing Christmas carols to celebrate the close of the membership campaign."

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